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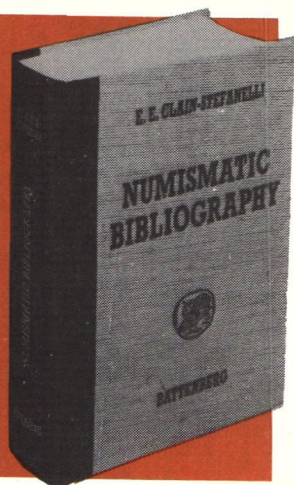
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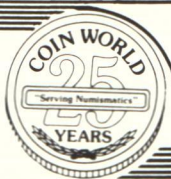
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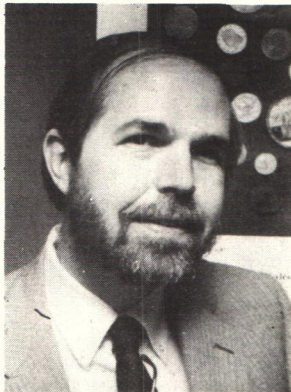
FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Q. DAVID BOWERS

Exploring the Benefits of ANA Membership

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION is more than a society that publishes *The Numismatist*. Yet, the vast majority of our members ignore much of what the ANA has to offer. While *The Numismatist* is a fine publication and furnishes enjoyable reading each month, why not investigate some of the other advantages of ANA membership?

For example, every year the ANA conducts a summer seminar at its headquarters in Colorado Springs. As a frequent seminar instructor and visitor, I have seen firsthand the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the hundred or so people who attend. Right now, many courses are still available for the upcoming seminar, July 7-13, including "A Study of Numismatic Literature," "Introduction to Numismatics: The Hobby" and "Coin Photography." The cost is reasonable for a week of fun and learning, so why not find out about it? Drop a note to Seminar Coordinator Judy Stebenne at ANA headquarters. I plan to address the students on opening day . . . will I see you there?



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Similarly, National Car Rental, an agency with branches in Europe and Canada, offers ANA members discount rates, which can amount to substantial savings if you are away from home on business or vacation. Why not check it out?

Each year your organization holds two conventions—a major show in summer and a smaller one in winter. From August 20-25, the ANA will hold its 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Have you thought about including it as part of your vacation this year? The convention offers ample opportunity to meet with fellow collectors, visit hundreds of dealers on the large bourse floor, get acquainted with ANA officials, and perhaps discover some new numismatic interests.

Of course, the ANA offers other services. Have you borrowed any books from the ANA library lately? Are you a member of

the ANA's monthly book club? Have you taken advantage of the certification service? The list goes on and on. The way I see it, for \$21 in annual dues, membership in the American Numismatic Association is one of the best bargains going—exactly how much of a bargain is up to you. Why not expand your horizons and avail yourself of all that ANA has to offer?

ANA ELECTIONS are rapidly approaching, and it is not too early to study the qualifications of various candidates for the Board of Governors. In July, when you receive your ballot, please vote. In recent elections, the "silent majority" could have put any candidate it wished into office, for more ANA members refrained from voting than took advantage of the voting franchise! If you care about the future of the ANA and want to have a voice in its government, then cast your votes for the candidates you feel will do the most good. Don't ignore your ballot—use it!

KEN BRESSETT, our educational director, is the right man in the right place at the right time. One of the most important functions of the ANA is education. Ken has a long string of credentials in this regard and has written and edited many publications, including the familiar red-covered *A Guide Book of United States Coins*. If you have completed a book of numismatic interest, why not get in touch with Ken at headquarters—perhaps the ANA will publish it. Pitifully few reference books have borne the ANA imprint in the past, and it's about time this was corrected!

AS SUMMER DRAWS NEARER, take some time to expand your horizons in the world's greatest hobby. Buy a few numismatic books, explore a new collecting area, attend a coin show, or whatever. In today's impersonal world of computers, credit cards and international organizations with identical facilities throughout the world, coins offer the opportunity to be an individual, develop meaningful friendships, experience the thrill and challenge of research, and simply have a good time.

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YN Takes Exception to Reader's Criticism

I read with interest John Moye's letter to the editor in the March 1985 issue of *The Numismatist*. Apparently Mr. Moye doesn't agree with David Massey's choice for "The King of American Coins" (January 1985) being the 1804 dollar on the basis that a coin is defined by Webster as "a usually flat and round piece of metal issued by a government as money."

Mr. Moye takes exception with David in that the 1804 dollar cannot be a coin, stating that it was an "illegal emission of the Mint conjured up to hoodwink collectors." According to him, because a coin was never meant to be used as money (that is, "spent"), it cannot be classified as a coin.

Why not? In a specific sense, the 1804 dollar was not issued to be used in circulation, but in a general sense, the series of dollars of which it is a member certainly was. To cite a more contemporary example, would today's Proof-only coins *not* be considered coins? I think not. Although the present Proof coins are not intended to be used as money, they are thought to be coins because they are part of the series of coins that we all spend on a daily basis.

At least some of the "original" 1804 dollars were *not* illegal. They were struck to be presented to at least two foreign leaders. The remainder of the originals, as well as the restrikes, may have been illegal (and technically not coins) when they were minted, as they either fell into private hands without governmental sanction (as did some originals) or were struck without governmental sanction to meet the needs of collectors (as was the case with restrikes).

However, I have yet to see any of these coins confiscated by the government in recent times, so it must be safe to assume that they have *earned* legal status over the years, thus fulfilling another requirement that enables them to be labeled "coins." If Mr. Moye had read the article thoroughly before picking up his pen to criticize, he would have realized that at least two of these dollars were struck with the government's approval.

Furthermore, I have no idea why Mr. Moye referred to David Massey, apparently in a derogatory manner, as a "15-year-old whiz kid." In his criticisms of two other articles, he did not mention the ages of the authors. Do I detect a hint of prejudice here? As a 17-year-old, I am particularly sensitive to barbs unjustly thrown at me (or any other young numismatist).

Mr. Moye apparently feels that few members of the ANA collect coins for pleasure. I am one of those "few" but feel that those like myself are in the majority. I believe that conditions within the hobby will continue to improve and that new opportunities will be available.

Keep up the excellent work with *The Numismatist*. I plan to be an interested, enthusiastic and optimistic collector for a long time.

Don Bonser, J 125493

More Articles About U.S. Coins!

I'd like to offer a few comments about *The Numismatist*:

I enjoyed the articles about the Stone Mountain commemorative half dollar and the Strawberry Leaf large cent (March 1985), but the magazine could use more on U.S. coins. I know there are those who collect foreign coins, medals and tokens, but I think those who collect U.S. coins far outnumber them. Sometimes there is not one article on U.S. coins in *The Numismatist*, and I just don't read it.

The ANACS series on basic grading by Michael Fahey is very good—keep it coming.

L.H. Burkholder, ANA 88187

Collector Laments Lack of Encouragement

The pervasive negative attitude that there is nothing worth collecting from circulation is like a cancer that can spread and kill the hobby. When I started looking through bank rolls over 25 years ago, my father never discouraged me for lack of monetary gain.

Within the last year, I purchased Whitman's Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson

folders for my six- and eight-year-old children. They avidly seek to fill these albums, which are not so easily completed from circulation. You can be sure I will never discourage their circulation collection.

In every issue of *The Numismatist*, I find some disparaging remark to thwart young collectors. For example, in the January 1985 issue, Michael Fuljenz introduced "Market Forum" with the comment, "Today numismatists are limited in circulation finds except for a few isolated cases."

Dealer interviews in *World Coin News* demonstrate that most started as young collectors looking through circulation. For the future and long-term growth of the hobby, I believe we must promote the hobby to young people through circulation collections.

In *The History of United States Coinage*, Bowers quotes the 19th-century dealer B. Max Mehl: "I noticed that no effort was being made by anyone to popularize coin collecting and create new collectors. The idea occurred to me to try advertising in general publications."

There are many ways to publicize the hobby to young people. I would urge the ANA to advertise the fun of collecting from circulation in libraries, youth magazines, supermarkets, etc. Give away coin boards or cards good for free ones. Be sure to attach an ANA application on each coin board. Seek a good mailing list and advertise the hobby to the young.

The long-term benefits of this promotion could be equally as important as other ANA programs. If we do not act soon, we will not even need these programs.

Edward E. Cohen, ANA 67715

Strawberry Cent Once Incited Brawl

I recently received the March issue of *The Numismatist* and enjoyed reading the articles on the German auction sale and the Strawberry Leaf large cent.

Apparently, this coin has always brought forth strong opinions about its origin. It was a Strawberry Leaf cent that caused the auction room brawl between old-time dealers Ed Frossard and Lyman Low.

This battle is described in a letter written by ANA President A.G. Heaton to Editor George Heath in answer to a protest by Mr. Low about a Heaton article concerning auction sale practices. The letter appears in the January 1895 issue of *The Numismatist*. According to Heaton:

At a recent auction sale in New York, he, the conscientious Mr. Low aforesaid, in his least beautiful phraseology as seen in the Protest, ventured to call the prominent dealer and expert [Frossard] "a liar." Numismatic criticism is rarely so frank and so public, and the accused gentleman proceeded forthwith to make vigorous personal attack. The two numismatic sages were soon mixed up on a dusty floor in a manner that would have made football adversaries envious of their combative qualities until, in a badly circulated condition, they were dragged apart by dismayed spectators.

David Hirt, ANA 88720

Russian Collector Suggests "Citizen-to-Citizen" Approach

I have been collecting coins for many years. A friend from Hungary gave me the June 1984 issue of *The Numismatist* to read, and I was surprised to see the letters by Carl Robine and Randy Altman ("Numismatics: A Bridge to World Understanding," p. 1129).

Both gentlemen perpetuate the propaganda myth spread by the government of my own country. Like any other totalitarian government—be it USSR, Cuba or China—our government and party officials maintain that citizens and rulers are one. This is not true. Citizens and the government are on opposite sides. The government doesn't trust their people, and people don't trust their government.

People of these countries are not the same as their governments or the political systems in which they live. In World War II, we Russians and you Americans didn't fight Japanese or German nations, we fought German Nazism and Japanese militarism—the political systems deemed oppressive and unacceptable, not the nations or the races themselves.

The cliché "Better dead than Red" still holds but is not the same as "Better dead than Russian"; this would be wrong. Being friends with Russians, Cubans or

Chinese on a citizen-to-citizen basis would help our mutual understanding. But, all the time you have to keep in mind that governments under which we must live and all our institutions (including numismatic societies, banks, numismatic publications and officials sent to other countries in official capacities) are just a small segment of the huge oppressive apparatus of a totalitarian state—a horrifying Orwellian fantasy come true.

Please publish my letter. I think that many well-meaning Americans are in need of this sort of explanation to better understand the world we all live in and to appreciate their own free political system. Don't take it for granted. Please do not publish my name, for authorities in Minsk, where I live, would put me in jail for a letter like this.

Name withheld by request

New Shipping Procedure Advocated for Mint

I recently received the following form letter from the Mint explaining the economics of using United Parcel Service (UPS) for the delivery of some Mint items. Apparently, there must have been enough general complaints to warrant a form letter. However, I feel that the more important considerations should be collector security and the probability of the loss of items.

I have written again to Mrs. Pope concerning these items (this letter also follows), and perhaps if other readers who share my view would write to her, specifically mentioning collector security and loss of items, she might be made cognizant of the seriousness of this problem of having such items delivered to doorsteps.

William R. "Bob" Benson, LM 3511

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Perhaps some consideration could be given to using the United States Postal Service, where the customer's address is indeed a post office box, since UPS does not deliver to P.O. boxes.

I (and I'm sure most collectors) do not, for obvious reasons, keep valuable numismatic items at home. However, persons who make it a practice of relieving citizens of such property do not know this, and delivery of such items can be second only to an invitation to such persons . . .

Further, I reiterate that United Parcel Service does indeed leave packages on doorsteps without signature for receipt of same when addressees are not at home. In my mind, this should be reason enough for an arm of the United States Government not to use their service.

Yours very truly,

William R. "Bob" Benson

Collector of World Coins Desires Correspondence

I would like to correspond with any fellow collectors of U.S. and world coins. I am currently deployed to the Persian Gulf/Indian Ocean area.

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The main subject of volume III is ancient Greek bronze coins, including Judean and Indian issues, as well as several silver issues. All three volumes are richly illustrated, and volume II, following sylloge format, depicts all its coins on 25 plates.

The published collection of McGill University consists of 1,763 pieces, almost equally divided between ancient Greece and Rome. The catalog is unusual because of its diversity and because so few university coin collections have been published.

Released by B.R. Grüner Publishing Company of Amsterdam, Holland, the three volumes of *The McGill University Collection of Greek and Roman Coins* are available in the United States and Canada from the firm's agent, John Benjamins Publishing Company, One Buttonwood Square, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

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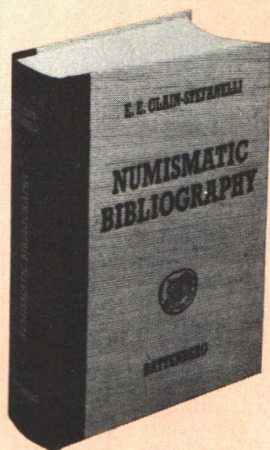
The 2nd International Convention of Numismatics will be held in Havana, Cuba, at the Comodoro Hotel, September 12-14, 1985, hosted by the Numismatic Museum of Cuba and the Cuban Numismatic Association.

The convention is intended to further knowledge of numismatics in an effort to promote its development in Cuba; publicize Cuban numismatic activities; and provide an auction of numismatic items. Additional information is available from the Director, Numismatic Museum, 8 Oficios St., Havana, Cuba.

Deisher Leads Coin World

Beth Deisher has been named editor of *Coin World*, the largest weekly newspaper devoted exclusively to the hobby and science of numismatics. Publisher John O. Amos announced Deisher's appointment, effective March 1, 1985. She succeeds Margo Russell, who retired February 28 after serving as editor of *Coin World* for 23 of its 25 years.

Deisher joined *Coin World* as news editor in March 1981, and in June 1984 was named executive editor. A native of North Carolina and graduate of the University of North Carolina, she began her career as a professional journalist as a reporter for the Norfolk, Virginia, *Star Ledger*. She was a copy editor with the publication when the Virginia Education Association appointed her editor of its tabloid newspaper, the *VEA News*, and served as feature editor of its more scholarly





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magazine, *The Virginia Journal of Education*.

A member of the ANA, American Numismatic Society and the Numismatic Literary Guild, Deisher has won more than 50 state and national writing and layout/design awards. She holds membership in the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi, the National Federation of Press Women, Ohio Press Women and the Ohio Newspaper Women's Association.

Bermuda Issues First Souvenir Card

Bermuda—the "isles of enchantment"—has released its first souvenir card, produced by the intaglio process by De La Rue, printers of Bermuda's circulating bank notes. Featuring the Bermudan one-dollar note issued February 6, 1970, the card carries vignettes depicting two Bermuda dinghies and the capital city of Hamilton. The plate used to produce the original note was used only for the 1970 issue, which subsequently was replaced by a similar Bermuda Monetary Authority note issued in July 1975.

The card is printed in green and limited to a serially-numbered mintage of 2,500, the first 100 of

which will be held for use by the Monetary Authority. Of the remaining 2,400, 50-100 will be cancelled in Bermuda; both mint and cancelled cards will be available at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis in June.

The bulk of the cards will be available at the ANA convention in Baltimore, August 20-25, and by mail. Cards numbered 500-599 will be specially cancelled in Bermuda and offered to those attending the ANA's post-convention trip to the islands in August. Orders for mint cards, which sell for \$7.50 plus postage, may be placed at the BMA table in Memphis and, thereafter, by mail with N.P. Aspen, Bermuda Monetary Authority, Hamilton, 5-24 Bermuda.

Catalog Lists Coin Designers and Engravers

Oregon numismatist Zdenek Vesely has released the 1985 edition of his reference entitled *Catalog of Coin Designers and Engravers*, which alphabetically lists 941 artists from ancient times through 1984. Information about the 242-page, softbound, mimeographed volume can be obtained from Z. Vesely, 4729 S.E. Haig St., Portland, OR 97206.

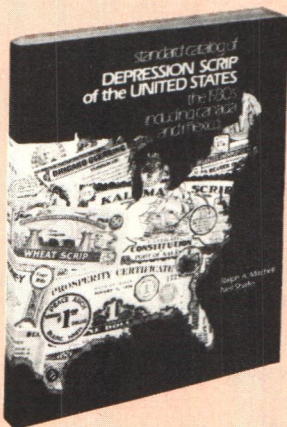
Exonomia Offered

A new catalog of exonomia, including colonials, tokens and medals, has been issued by Charlotte and David Gale of Wilmington, Delaware. Offerings include miscellaneous exonomia, Hard Times tokens, Civil War tokens, restrikes, copies, counterfeits, colonial medals, encased postage, early merchant tokens, Washingtonia and love tokens. Specialists in state coinage will find a wide selection of state coppers—

including a rare assortment of Massachusetts coppers—many with pedigrees dating to the turn of the century.

A yearly subscription fee of \$5 includes all catalogs, supplements, recent-additions lists, and mail-bid sales. Consignments for mail-bid sales also are being solicited. Additional information can be obtained from C & D Gale, 2404 Berwyn Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810, telephone 302/478-0872.

Depression Scrip Cataloged



Krause Publications has released a new 320-page book, *The Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip of the United States* by Mitchell and Shafer, which is touted as "the first definitive body of research covering U.S. scrip issues from the 1930s."

The opening section of the book provides historical insight into the financial scene during the 30s, setting a background for the listings and giving the reader an idea of what is available. During the worst periods of the Depression, many communities were deprived of normal monetary supplies because of bank failures, hoarding and inability to collect taxes, and thus various non-

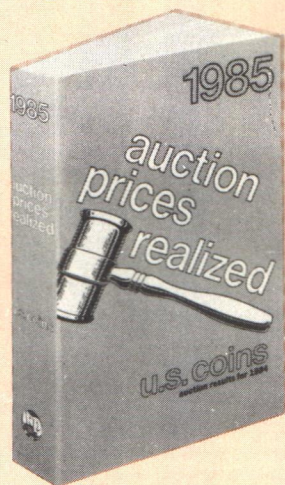
Federal scrip was circulated.

Listing more than 3,570 scrip issues together with 2,000 illustrations, the volume deals with state, county, city, business and individual releases for the United States, as well as selected issues of Canada and Mexico. Descriptions (print colors, size and signatories) include market values in up to three grades, and condition is indicated by one of ten "states of preservation" (issued, not cancelled; issued, cancelled; unissued, cancelled; unissued remainder; sample note; specimen; proof or trial; reprint; copy; and counterfeit).

The Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip of the United States sells for \$27 and is available at coin shops nationwide, or for \$29 postpaid directly from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

Catalog Records 1984 Auction Prices

1985 Auction Prices Realized, U.S. Coins, an 805-page catalog featuring results from the top 73 U.S. coin auctions of 1984, has been released by Krause Publications.



INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, TEXAS



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is pleased to issue this souvenir card to commemorate the Texas Numismatic Association's 27th Convention on April 19-21, 1985, in El Paso, Texas. The note featured here is a replica of the back of a \$50 National Currency Note from the first issue of the third charter period for National Bank Notes. The third charter period introduced a change in design for all denominations, and all notes of this period are Series of 1902. These notes, bearing a red seal on the face, were issued between 1902 and 1908. Relatively few of these notes are in existence, and known specimens are generally from the largest and most populous states.



BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Souvenir Card Notes Texas Convention

To commemorate the Texas Numismatic Association's 27th Annual convention, April 19-21, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has issued a souvenir card for the International Coin Club of El Paso, featuring the back of a \$50 national currency note from the first issue of the third charter period (1902-08). New designs were implemented on every denomination issued during the third charter period, and all are Series 1902. Relatively few of these notes are extant, and known specimens generally are from the largest and most populous states.

The vignette of the \$50 note, titled "Mechanics and Navigation," was engraved by M.W. Baldwin, who rendered the female figure and train, and G.F.C. Smillie, who created the male figure. Although not historically documented, it is generally conceded that enhanced modes of transportation (ships and trains) were the foremost design subjects of all currency notes produced in this period.

The card is the second in the Bureau's "transportation" series, preceded by the 1983 ANA card that depicts a Series 1915 \$20 Federal Reserve note. The transportation theme also is used on the BEP souvenir card for the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association show in May 1985.

Available by mail for \$4 or \$4.50 with a hand-cancellation bearing the new 22-cent "Flag-over-the-Capitol" stamp, the card can be ordered from El Paso Card, Mail Order Sales, Room 602-11A, BEP, Washington, DC 20228. Orders, which must be payable by check or money order in U.S. funds, should be typed on 8 x 11-inch paper and must include the card's item number (#906 for mint cards, #907 for hand-cancelled cards), name, mailing address and zip code.

The volume covers 69,123 lots from trend-setting auctions, listing coins and prices realized by denomination and by auction firm. Compiled and edited by

Robert Wilhite of *Numismatic News*, it sells for \$50 (plus \$2 postage) and can be ordered from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

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The Mexico Mint 450 Years of Tradition

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celebrating its 450th anniversary on May 11, 1985, the Mexico Mint has been in continuous operation

since its inception, a record unmatched by any other mint or similar establishment. Not quite 30 years after Columbus' discovery of America, Hernán Cortés and his daring captains, commanding a heterogeneous group of adventurers, entered the great Mexican capital city of Tenochtitlan on November 15, 1519. The Spaniards were

well received by Aztec Emperor Moctezuma and his people, and today a modest monument notes the spot—now downtown Mexico City—where European and American cultures first met.

Cortés and his companions were conducted to Moctezuma's father's palace, known as Axayácatl's Palace, on the west side of Tenochtitlan's main plaza. It is a remarkable coincidence that Moctezuma selected this spot to lodge Cortés and his troops,

because it was precisely there that the first mint in America was established.

Soldier/historian Bernal Diaz del Castillo described the Spaniard's arrival at the palace:

... as we arrived and came to a big patio, the great Moctezuma took our captain by the hand ... and led him inside the room where he was going to stay. It was very richly decorated in their own custom, and he [Moctezuma] was wearing a very pretty necklace formed with golden shrimps, a wonderful piece, and Moctezuma himself put same on our captain's neck ... and when it had been placed, Cortés thanked him through our interpreters, and then Moctezuma said: "Malinche, this is your new home for you and your people, relax." Then he left for his palace, which was not very far away, and we began the distribution of quarters by captain's groups.

It was only natural that the soldiers started running about the palace, seeking whatever they could find. On one occasion they discovered the vault where Moctezuma kept his treasure, which Cortés ordered not to be disturbed. Moctezuma likely heard about the incident, because during one of his visits he told Cortés (in reference to Axayácatl's treasure, which the Spaniards had found): "take this gold that has been gathered ... what I have prepared for the Emperor is all the treasure that I have received from my father and now is in your possession" This treasure greatly increased the *rescate*, or loot, that had been accumulated by Cortés and his captains, and now it was time to divide the spoils.

By royal decree, dated February 5, 1504, Catholic monarchs Don Fernando and Doña Isabel ordered that one-fifth of any precious-metal *rescatado* in their Spanish realm be presented to the royal treasurer. The new tax was known as the *quinto real* ("royal fifth"). In Barcelona fifteen years later, September 14, 1519, Emperor Carlos V signed a royal decree ordering that "the gold of rescate from the Indians in elaborated pieces be assayed, melted and marked with the royal-fifth seal. . ."

In accordance with these decrees, Cortés appointed royal officers Gonzalo Mejía and Alonso de Avila as treasurer and accountant. In the presence of his captains and captain general, Cortés proceeded, for the first time in Mexico, to melt the precious metals accumulated by the conquistadors. Bernal Diaz informs us that "when the melting was finished ... all the gold that I have mentioned was marked with an iron seal that Cortés had ordered to be made ..."

Beyond doubt, this was the first foundry of the conquest of Mexico and also in continental America. Right then and there the conquistadors split the treasure, but not one was satisfied. Evidently they all expected a big fortune. Three more foundries followed, and although no coins were minted, these foundries played an important part in the history of the Mexico Mint.

As we know, a short time later the Aztecs revolted and forced the Spaniards out of Tenochtitlan. This incident has been recorded in Mexican history as *la Noche Triste* ("the Sad Night") of July 1, 1520. The revolt was so rapid and the attack so furious that the conquistadors lost most of their artillery and belongings, including the gold they had melted.¹

In due time, however, Cortés returned to attack and defeat the Aztecs once and for all. After the fall of Tenochtitlan on August 13, 1521, the Spaniards were absolute owners of all the land that had been, up to that day the Aztec empire.



Tenochtitlan was badly damaged, if not in ruins. Cortés decided to settle in nearby Coyoacan, where he soon received metals from the Caribbean islands and copper from the Taxco mines. With these materials he proceeded to cast cannons for defense. He also prepared a foundry to melt gold objects on hand, and distributed the loot that his captains and others demanded.

A second foundry of the conquistadors was established in Coyoacan. In

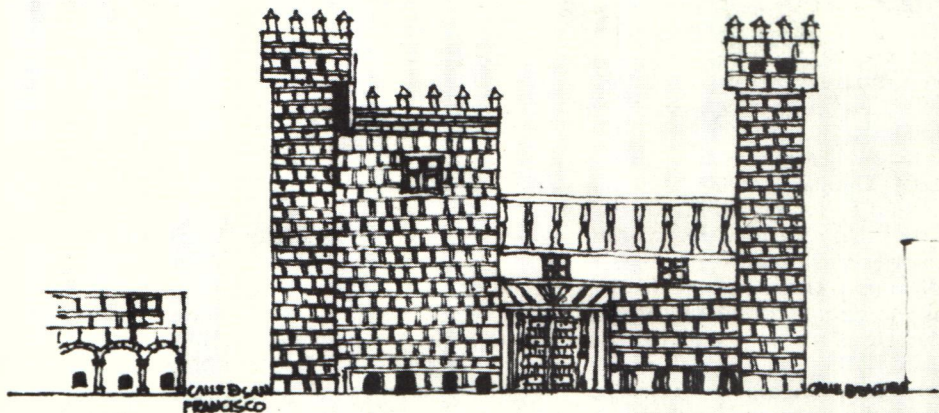
the presence of the royal officers, who in this case were Julián de Aldrete, Alonso de Gardo and Bernardino Vazquez, gold *tejos* (small, flat and usually round pieces of metal) and silver bars were cast. Historians often confuse these *tejos* with coins. I must emphasize and insist that they are not coins.

Diaz commented that "we melted all of it . . . and all that was melted amounted to more than one hundred thirty castellanos [denomination of a gold coin] and the royal fifth was handed over to his Majesty's treasurer . . ." It was in this second foundry that an incident occurred that affected the country's economy for several years—smelted gold was alloyed with copper. Cortés noted that ". . . all the gold that we melted came from pieces that had too much betún [copper] . . ." Diaz explained:

. . . to all the gold that they melted they added three fifths more of copper to help our "pay off" . . . thinking that this would help us . . . but it did not help us at all . . . it was to our disadvantage because the merchants, to protect their gains, increased the price of all merchandise and other things they were selling five times as much. . . "

Copper was known as *tepuzque* in the Aztec language, and thus this new gold alloy containing 37.5-percent copper was the origin of the medium of exchange called *peso de oro de tepuzque* (tepuzque gold peso), which circulated along with the "gold peso," "mine gold peso," "assayed gold peso," "common gold peso," "fine gold peso," etc. All these "currencies" caused considerable confusion that lasted for several years, until the Madrid court ordered them to be accepted for tax payments and taken out of circulation. It took the Spaniards some time to rebuild the new Spanish city, then called Mexico-Tenochtitlan. Around 1524 the city council that had been formed in Coyoacan moved to the city and was installed in the former Axayácatl Palace, then known as Casa de Cortés.

No doubt Emperor Carlos V received many petitions to establish a *casa de moneda*, or mint. The need for legal currency increased as commerce became widespread, and was only partially abated by very limited quantities of currency sent from Spain. On April 6, 1526, the city council announced that all persons holding tepuzque gold could, if they desired, take it to the foundry and " . . . in the presence of



The first Mexican mint, known as the Casa de Cortés, operated from 1535 through 1569.

the royal officers they would receive it back in small pieces of one real or one peso or two pesos or four pesos . . ." and that each tejo was to be marked with its value so it could be used for trade purposes. The council also appointed silversmiths Diego Martinez and Juan Celada to make small gold tejos, which may be "legal" but still are not real coins.

Emperor Carlos V sent Luis Ponce de León to New Spain as *visitador* (inspector), and along with him went the royal seal, to be used to stamp metals after the royal fifth was paid. He also was instructed to investigate the "conveniences and advantages" of establishing a mint. Unfortunately, Ponce de León died December 13, 1527, shortly after his arrival in the New World. Consequently, Nuño Beltrán de Guzmán was appointed President of the *Primera Real Audiencia* ("First Royal Court"), along with four judges. The audiencia did not produce the expected results and was dissolved, but petitions and requests for a mint increased. The Madrid court never refused the petitions, instead requesting more and more information on which to base a decision.

On November 9, 1529, Don Antonio de Mendoza was appointed first viceroy of New Spain. He requested some time to settle a few personal matters, which took quite a while. On April 17, 1535, he officially was confirmed viceroy, governor and president of the royal court. Mendoza arrived in Mexico-Tenochtitlan on October 5, 1535, along with ample instructions for the establishment of the long-awaited Casa de Moneda.



he royal decree officially authorizing the Mexico Mint was signed in Madrid on May 11, 1535, by the regent queen, Doña Juana de Castilla, la Loca ("the mad"). The decree is quite lengthy, thus I note the most important points. "Firstly, you must . . . when making these coins of silver and of copper, obey the mint laws of these kingdoms" (this refers to the "Ordenanzas" of June 23, 1497). " . . .



Queen Doña Juana de Castilla (1479-1555) signed the decree authorizing the Mint.

at present no gold coins shall be struck . . . the real shall be equivalent to 34 maravedís . . ."

In my opinion, the most important clause is the following: " . . . and put . . . one Latin 'M' so it be known that it was made in Mexico . . ." Some time later, to alleviate confusion between Madrid and Mexico, a small "o" was added to Mexico's mintmark and a small "d" to Madrid's. A small crown sometimes was substituted for the small "d". The viceroy was at liberty to mint *vellón* (copper) coins if it was thought necessary: " . . . you [Mendoza] that have experience about it as you are our Treasurer of the Granada Mint, you may order same . . . and decide what shape and of what metal these coins should be and have them minted."

There is no definite information about when the first coins began to circulate, but it has been estimated that this occurred in about April 1536. The first coinage was limited to six silver coins in denominations of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3 and 4 reals. The 3-real piece was easily confused with the 2-real coin and soon was discontinued; it is very rare. Also, the *cuartilla*, or $\frac{1}{4}$



Dating from c. 1536, the first coins minted in America were of Karolus and Johanna.

real, was disliked because of its small size and was likewise demonetized; it also is quite rare.

About six years later a new silver coin series was minted in four denominations: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, and 4 reals. The main difference between the first and second issues is that water waves appear at the bottom of the pillars in the second series and are nonexistent in the first series. Because all pieces in these series are hand hammered, there are multiple varieties.

Although the *cuartilla* was very small (approximately 0.75g), it was too large a denomination for the time. Thus, on June 28, 1542, Mendoza authorized the minting of copper coins. Because the real was equivalent to 34 maravedis and the $\frac{1}{4}$ real equalled 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ maravedis, it was logical to authorize copper denominations of 1, 2, and 4 maravedis, the first of which never circulated. The Aztecs did not like the copper coins, considering them *poca cosa* ("little nothing"), and they threw them into the canals and Lake Texcoco, which surrounded the city at the

time. The issuance of copper currency was ceased, not to be minted again by the viceroyalty until 1814.

We can definitely state that the first Mexico Mint, located at Cortés' palace, struck all the coins of "Karolus and Johanna," (Charles V, 1516-56, and his mother, Joan of Castile) and possibly some of the first coins of Felipe II (1556-98). It should be noticed that most of the K & J coins produced are very acceptable for that time. They are almost round and attractive, especially considering they were the first coins minted in America.

Historians occasionally indicate that the foundry became the Mint when the latter was decreed in 1535. However, both establishments occupied different buildings and operated with separate attributions, regulations and personnel, even though the foundry was a vital complement to the Mint.

The Mexican foundry operated under Cortés' authority until the establishment of a city council. When the first viceroy was appointed, the city council no longer had jurisdiction over the foundry, except for metals used by silversmiths prior to 1578. When the city council moved from Cortés' palace to its own building, it was only natural to request the foundry be moved to a site near the town hall, facilitating better supervision.



In 1555 Bartholomé de Medina invented amalgamation, a process of obtaining silver from ore without direct heat, which provided a tremendous stimulation to the production of gold and silver in Mexico and, later on, all over the world. Amalgamation consists of mixing finely-ground metallic ore with mercury and a common salt, and then distilling the solution, resulting in a good part of the mercury being recovered. The Spanish authorities monopolized the production of mercury, and thus controlled the production of gold and silver in order to collect the royal-fifth tax.

The new method of amalgamation soon was passed to all the Spanish



The first 8-real piece minted in America was that of Felipe II (1556-98).

provinces in South America and to Europe. Shortly afterward, it was used extensively all over the world and became the accepted practice for about three centuries, popularized by the fact that a combustible fuel was not required (particularly important since most mining areas were located in arid regions where trees, and thus firewood, were scarce).

The fantastic increase in silver production afforded by amalgamation had a direct impact on the Mexico Mint. Outgrowing the existing facilities, both the Mint and foundry were moved to the north side of the present national palace in Mexico City. Because of bureaucratic and political reasons, the move took many years to complete, starting in 1562 and ending in about 1569.

We have not enough information to surmise how the new mint building appeared from 1569 until 1728, but I sincerely believe that it was not a very attractive structure. We do know that the facility underwent constant changes, additions and repairs. The fantastic increase in silver production during the 17th century necessitated new accommodations by the early 1700s. The old building gradually was demolished as a new one was erected, and by December 18, 1734, the Mint was housed in a totally new structure. Millions of beautiful coins were produced, and it is no wonder that at one time the Mexico Mint was known as *La Casa de Moneda del Mundo*—the "mint of the world."

Most of the coinage of Felipe II was minted at this location, and it was

during his reign that Mexico struck its first 8-real piece. Until the 1700s, coins had no definite shape, legends were incomplete and a great majority did not carry a date (the earliest-known dated Mexican piece is from 1607). Surely the increase in silver production had a direct effect on the appearance of coinage.

There is no doubt that the Mexico Mint was capable of making beautiful coins. Whenever a king was crowned in Spain, it was customary to send beautiful round coins, with complete legends, to the Madrid court. Referred to as "presentation pieces," these coins are extremely rare. But, in general, all pieces produced prior to 1731 are called *macuquina*, or cob types (the word "cob" originates from an old Irish word meaning "lump," not from the



The second Mexican mint, dating from 1730, produced the pillar dollar.



Minted from 1732-71, the *columnario*, or pillar dollar, is regarded as the first "universal" coin.

Spanish *cabo de barra*, which means "end of a bar," as has been suggested).

When the new mint was erected, new machinery and manufacturing systems were installed, a timely measure because Mexican silver production was at an all-time high in the 18th century. As a result, the *columnario*, or pillar dollar, minted from 1732 through 1771, became the first universal coin.

Although the Spanish monetary unit

was the real, the peso (8 reals) was more acceptable as a unit of trade. In the Spanish world the peso was known as *real de a ocho* or ocho reales, but the people called it *columnario* or *ambos mundos* ("both worlds"). In English-speaking countries the peso was known as "eight real," "piece of eight," "pillar dollar," "Spanish milled dollar" and "eight bits" in the southwestern United States. In Holland the peso was termed *reaal von achten*; in Germany, *saeulen piaster*; in Italy, *colonnato*; and in Egypt, *abu-mafta* ("two cannons"). It seems that the Egyptians mistook the two columns for cannons.

Mexico did not strike gold coins until Carlos II signed his royal decree of February 25, 1675, which authorized mintage of the metal. The gold monetary unit was the escudo, and was equivalent to 16 reals, the half-escudo piece being equal to one silver peso. Gold began to circulate about 1679 in values of ½, 1, 2, 4, and 8 escudos, all of which, like silver issues, were of the cob type. After 1732 all gold coins were round, machine struck and carried edge designs.

When the pillar dollar was discontinued in 1772, the Mexico Mint instead struck bust type coins from 1772 until 1821 that bore effigies of Carlos III, Carlos IV and Fernando VII. The three main types of Mexican coinage—cob, pillar and bust types—represent more than just a change in design; metallic content also was altered.



Bust-type coins, minted from 1772-1821, carry the effigies of Carlos III, Carlos IV and Fernando VII.



Pure silver was equal to 12 dineros (ds), and each dinero was divided into 24 grains (gs). All silver macuquina (cob type) coinage struck before 1731 had a fineness of 11ds, 4gs, (930.67 mills). The columnario had a fineness of 11ds (916.67 mills), while the content of bust-type coins was reduced to 10ds, 20gs (902.78 mills). A fineness of 902.78 mills prevailed in all Mexican coins struck from 1772 until 1914.

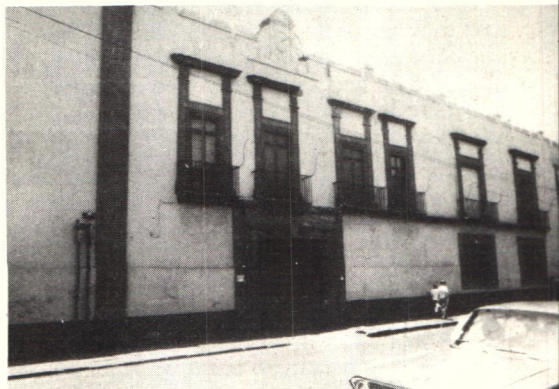
One of the most illustrious visitors to Mexico during the 19th century was German Baron Alexander von Humboldt, who traveled extensively for four years throughout South American mines and mints, and eventually arrived in Acapulco on February 23, 1803. While in Mexico Humboldt visited the most important gold and silver mines, as well as the Mexico Mint, where he spent many a day taking notes and delving into Mint archives. Some of his observations included the facts that, at the time, the Mexico Mint was the largest and richest in the world; the 16 French mints collectively produced less than the Mexico Mint; Mexican production of 3,065,000 pesos in December 1793 and of 2,922,185 pesos in April 1796 far outstripped France's greatest production of 1,271,000 pieces in March 1810; and the net production of the Mexico Mint was nearly six times larger than that of the Lima (Peru) mint.

Regarding Mexican silver production, Humboldt informs us that the Guanaquato mines produced nearly twice the volume of the Potosí (Bolivia) mint during the period 1556-1789; Europe and Siberia were far behind in silver production as compared with Spanish America's production of gold and silver; and the total production of the Mexico Mint from 1690 to 1803 was an impressive 1,353,453,020 pesos, a figure that does not include production from 1536-1690 and from 1803 to the present. Antonio García Cubas' *Dictionary* shows Mexico Mint production from 1536 until 1888 as 2,151,039,058 pesos during the viceregal period and 1,165,744,186 pesos during the in-

dependent period, for a total of 3,316,783,254.

When Mexico's struggle for independence started in 1810, the viceregal government decided to carry on the old project of branch mints. The first provisional mint was opened in 1810 at Zacatecas, followed by five others, and signaled the beginning of the decline of the Mexico Mint.

After Mexico gained independence, several provisional mints in the provinces claimed the right to continue operations, and others argued the ad-



Constructed in 1848, the third Mexican mint, known as the Casa del Apartado, is still operating.

vantages of locating mints closer to the various mines. From 1810 until 1905, Mexico had 14 additional mints, including one at Tlalpan, then capital of the State of Mexico, which used an "Eo.Mo." mintmark.

Although many of the provisional mints operated for only a short time and others were active in different years, the production of the Mexico Mint was reduced considerably. As a consequence, the maintenance of machinery and equipment was badly neglected. In 1847 the Mexican government was in a very critical financial situation and decided to lease the provisional mints, as well as the Mexico Mint and the establishment called Apartado.

In 1848 the Mexico Mint moved to



Coins depicting the liberty cap were minted from 1823-1909.

the building where the Apartado de Metales ("separation of metals") had operated since the 17th century, and the administration of both establishments was out of the government's hands. Fortunately, the beautiful building that housed the Mexico Mint from 1730 until 1848 has been restored and now houses the Museo de las Culturas, a tour of which is a must for the real numismatist.

The Mexico Mint struck the first coins of independent Mexico, those for Emperor Don Agustín de Iturbide's short reign in the early 1820s. When Mexico became a republic in 1824, the Mexico Mint produced coins depicting on the obverse an eagle devouring a serpent, a design that was modified that same year. All these republican coins carry a liberty cap on the reverse, a design termed *resplandor* ("sunburst") in Mexico. There are many, many varieties in this interesting series, some very rare and expensive.



Financial conditions improved, and in March 1893 the government cancelled the leases of the provisional mints. By 1905 all additional mints that remained were closed. After almost 100 years (1810-1905) the Mexico Mint, or Apartado Mint, was again the only mint in the nation.

The Apartado Mint struck millions of liberty cap coins, as well as the 1866 issue of three coins of the ill-

fated second empire, struck with the effigy of Maximilian. The Mint also produced republican gold coins of the escudo type in denominations of ½, 1, 2, 4 and 8 escudos until 1869, in addition to republican gold coins of the *balanza* ("balance" or "scale") type, struck from 1870-1905 in denominations of 1, 2½, 5, 10 and 20 pesos.

At the beginning of this century the low value of silver in the international market was a tremendous blow to Mexico's economy. We must consider that in the 1900s silver was the most important Mexican export, and thus the country's monetary system had to be revised in accordance with the rest of the world.

A change in coinage design also was compulsory. The legend was changed from REPUBLICA MEXICANA to ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS, and the new coinage included two bronze coins, one pure-nickel issue, four silver pieces and two gold coins. Marking the first time Mexico honored a national hero on a coin, the two gold pieces bear the likeness of Cura Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the priest who pro-



Facing eagle and liberty cap designs were struck from 1824-1909.

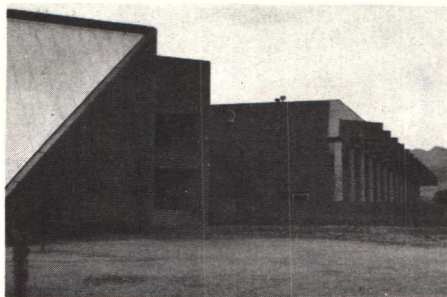
claimed Mexico's independence in 1810. On the occasion of the centennial of independence the first Mexican commemorative coin—the *caballito* ("little horse") peso—was struck from 1910 until 1914.

During the Mexican revolution (1910-1920) the Apartado Mint was the focus of some odd occurrences. In 1915 the *gobierno constitucionalista* of Don Venustiano Carranza was compelled to leave the capital and move its offices to Veracruz. The government wished to move the Apartado Mint to Veracruz also, but lack of transportation prevented this, so the intention was limited to just a few machines and several employees.

In the meantime the *convencionista* faction moved into the capital and managed to strike 1- and 2-centavo bronze coins of smaller module. Some time later the constitutionalists returned to the capital and decreed the two coins "illegal," marking the only occasion that the Apartado Mint was used to strike illegal coinage.

By 1920 the revolution had faded away, and in 1921 Gral Alvaro Obregón was elected president of the constitutional government. At that time, a silver 2-peso and a gold 50-peso commemorative were struck to note the centennial of the consummation of Mexican independence, September 27, 1921. Known as the *centenario*, the 50 pesos was minted from 1921-31 and again from 1943-47, transforming it from a commemorative piece to a bullion coin.

Although the Apartado Mint still



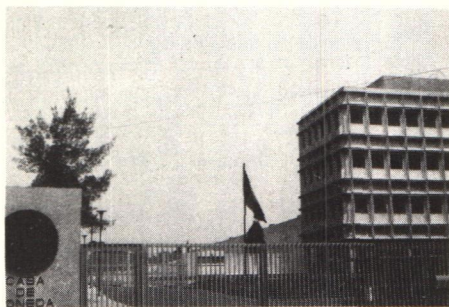
The San Luis Potosí branch mint has operated since 1983.

strikes gold and silver coinage for special issue, to keep up with the world's acceptance of fiduciary currency, Mexico also uses industrial metals of different alloys for circulating currency. Present Mexican coins are produced in brass, copper-nickel, sterling silver and various alloys used in other countries.

In the last few decades the world has certainly changed coinage standards, and Mexico has followed suit, inaugurating a new mint on November 23, 1970, at Calzada Legaria, where industrial metals are now minted and a separate building houses equipment for production of Proof coins. In 1985 the Mexico Mint will issue, for the first time, Proof coins commemorating the 1986 World Cup soccer championship.

A few years ago, after economic studies and consideration of the country's future, Mexico constructed a branch mint in San Luis Potosí, where a plant producing stainless steel and other alloys already was operating. President Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado inaugurated the new mint in 1983, accompanied by mint directors from Europe and North America.

Now, in 1985, the Mexico Mint consists of three establishments: the Apartado Mint, dating from 1848; the Legaria Mint, dating from 1870; and the San Luis Potosí Mint, dating from 1983. Today, the Mexico Mint, operating only one shift, can produce 1,300,000,000 coins per year, amply providing for domestic monetary needs, as well as production for foreign countries, including Nicaragua, El



Mexico's fourth mint, the Casa de Legaria, was inaugurated in 1970.



This gold bar of the conquistadors was discovered during construction of the new Banco de Mexico building in 1981.

Salvador and Santo Domingo; no doubt others will follow.

The Mexico Mint, born of humble means four and one-half centuries ago, is still working, still active and still growing and keeping pace with the world. Viva la Casa de Moneda de Mexico!

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NOTES

1. By sheer luck, on March 11, 1981, a gold ingot was found while digging the foundation for the new Banco de Mexico building at Avenida Hidalgo (north side of Alameda central)—precisely on the route to Tacuba used by the Spaniards in their flight to save their lives. The 1.92kg ingot is cast, measures 265 x 55 x 12mm and has a fineness of 930 mills (catalog #10-220012); it has been exhibited a number of times at the Museo Nacional de Antropología.

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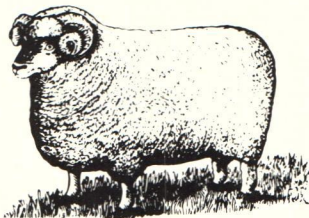
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Pattern

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Pattern coins—those marvelous concoctions of the engravers, created in the hope that one day they might be used for regular coinage. Some contend that the creation of patterns was merely a form of amusement intended to occupy the engraver's time; however, pattern coins are, in fact, the gems of the engraver's art, a testimonial to the skills of these artisans.

Pattern coins are nothing new. For centuries "sample" coins have been manufactured in almost every country in the world. With the founding of our nation and the establishment of the United States Mint in 1786 came scores of proposed coins from within our shores and from overseas.

The Mint's early products indicate the engravers' search for an ideological image of liberty, a concept that seemed to change from year to year. Eventually, the "Draped Bust" design caught on and continued on our early coins for a decade, with occasional refinements.

The appointment of James B. Longacre in 1844 as the fifth chief engraver of the U.S. Mint proved instrumental in the development of the colorful history of pattern coins, and with his experimentation with different metal compositions came a flurry of beautiful Liberty designs. The mid-19th century ushered in a new era, and from the 1840s until Longacre's death in 1869, the traditional figure of Liberty matured into quite a lady.

Succeeding Longacre as the sixth and seventh chief engravers were the Barbers, William (1869-79) and his son Charles (1880-1917), followed by George T. Morgan (1917-25). During their tenure as engravers, they created what can only be called a deluge of



James B. Longacre, fifth chief engraver of the U.S. Mint.

proposed coinage designs from 1870 to the 1890s. Some of their designs were so-so, based upon the traditional figure of Liberty seated on one sort of throne or another. However, the controversy surrounding the issuance of the Trade dollar in 1873 fueled the fire for new designs, and a number of superb patterns were suggested, including Morgan's design for the new dollar of 1878. It was, in fact, the golden era of pattern design, and its products provide us a real sense of the engravers' personalities.

One often imagines the engraver crouched over a batch of dies, pounding in dates, sharpening this detail and that, overseeing the day-to-day operation of his department. The 1870s

Coins

gems of the engraver's art

must have been very exciting and busy for the Barbers and Morgan, for all the proposed changes in coinage gave them the opportunity to exercise their craft to the fullest extent, to create coins of their own. Until President Teddy Roosevelt came along and recommended the use of outside artists in 1907, coin design was the jealously-guarded right of the chief engraver—and it was one big ego trip for the designer when his proposed pattern made it to the final channels of commerce.

The engravers often modeled their designs on glass with a beeswax-like material that contained a hardening agent. From this sculpted model a plaster cast was produced. The cast was then touched up to strengthen certain details. A positive cast was made from this negative cast and, as before, was further refined. The design then was heightened, sharpened and re-engraved until the artist felt he had achieved an accurate copy of the original model. Once again, a negative plaster was produced, engraved to bring out the detail and then readied for production of the galvano.

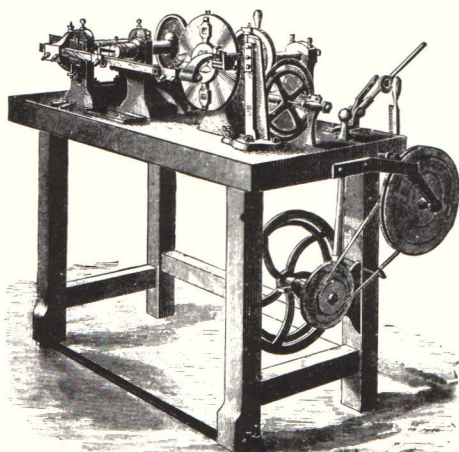
The completed negative cast was dipped into a container of hot beeswax, coated evenly with the substance and then allowed to set for a few moments. While still tacky and a bit warm, the wax-coated plaster was sprinkled with a fine layer of powdered copper. Once the coating set up completely, the plaster was suspended in a container filled with an electrolyte, and an electric current was passed through the solution, causing positively-charged ions to cling to the plaster and deposit a thin coating of metal on its surface. The longer the

plaster remained in the chemical "bath," the thicker the build-up of metal.

When the desired thickness was achieved, the metal covering was removed, the wax making the separation a relatively easy process. The resulting galvano was often based with lead and worked by hand to bring out weak details.

The next stage was the production of the master die. The designs usually were prepared a good deal larger than the actual coin, a practice that has continued to the present day. The enlarged design enabled the sculptor to develop and refine the model before reducing it to the required coin size.

Reduction was accomplished by the use of a Contamin portrait lathe, which, to be blunt, was not an especially accurate machine and was



A portrait lathe was used to transfer an image from a galvano to a die.

crude even by contemporary standards. However, its use did cut down a lot of time-consuming hand work.

The machine worked on a principle similar to that of the pantograph, whereby the engraver traced over the surface of the model with a steel point, which, by means of a connected bar, transmitted its movements and, in a reduced scale, cut the design on a master die. As you can well guess, a plaster cast hardly could have held up to such rigorous tracing, hence the use of the copper galvano in its place.

Many galvanos did not feature dates or other lettering, as the numerals and inscriptions, such as LIBERTY or UNITED STATES, were added to the master dies by means of punches and hand tooling. Hand cut with incredible accuracy, these punches featured individual stars, letters or whole words; some were made especially for creating buttons or shirt cuffs. One can only imagine the time spent on these little work aids.

With the master die completed, the working hubs were manufactured and used to produce working dies, from which the coins were struck. These pattern coins were produced in a variety of metals and denominations. "Gold" coins were struck in aluminum, nickel, white metal, copper and gold, as well as goloid, a combination of gold, silver and copper alloys. "Silver" denominations were struck in silver, copper, aluminum and sometimes nickel. Bear in mind that these pieces were offered to collectors, which may have accounted for the variety of metal combinations.

Never before featured in a numismatic publication, the beautiful patterns presented here were the working galvanos for proposed coinage. It is interesting to note that many of them display inked notations, indicating their use, a denomination and a number corresponding to a mint listing. The designs encompass a number of views and combined imagery, based in part on traditional motifs of the period. Often these motifs were ancient in character, or sometimes adapted or just plain copied from foreign coinage.

Today, patterns are very rare and highly desirable examples of what might have been. Some were dogs, while others were quite beautiful. I'm sure the Barbers and old George Morgan gained enormous pleasure from creating these miniature works of art. However, amusement was not their sole motivation, for experimentation with new materials and designs was necessary to improve the durability and beauty of our nation's coinage.

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JAMES B. LONGACRE



1849 \$20

Appears to be made of iron
Judd 117



1858 1c

Very heavy, 1/4-inch thick
Judd 202-07, Judd 220 (muled with
Indian Head)



1858-60, 1863 1¢

Judd 208-18, 220, 226-31, 264-65 (intaglio), 299-300 (L added to ribbon in 1864)



1870 \$1; 1871 5¢, half dime

Refined by William Barber

Judd 1008-19, 1059-61, 1062-64, 1065-67



1865, 1868-69 3¢; 1867 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2½; 1867-68 half dime; 1867 & 1869 \$5; 1867-69 \$10, \$20; 1867-69, 1871 5¢; 1873 trade dollar

Think and well-defined; made of iron
Judd 410-15, 566-609, 615-39, 661-74a, 676-90, 778-86, 1050-58, 1288-89.



1854-89 \$3; 1858-59, 1865 \$1; 1856 & 1858 1¢; 1868 3¢

Judd 206, 224, 256, 440, 605, 615



1869-70 10¢, 25¢, 50¢

Copper galvano

Judd 702-07, 727-32, 748-53, 843-66, 894-99, 912-17, 951-56, 981-86



Date and denomination unknown

Appears to be Longacre's work; heavy, thick, apparently made of iron; not used on any known pattern piece

ANTHONY PAQUET



Trial for unknown gold coin
Might also be attributed to Longacre;
unlisted in Judd



1875 20¢, \$5, \$10
Clothing modified on neck and bust
Judd 1392-95, 1438-42, 1443-45

WILLIAM BARBER



1873 Trade Dollar
Copper galvano; never used, unlisted
in Judd; possible study for Judd 1290



1877 50¢
Shield is unfinished, but shape is
outlined
Judd 1524-27



1874 \$10
This model was never used; pattern is
similar but less graceful
Judd 1373



1877 \$50
Model before stars were added and
shield finished
Judd 1546



1877 \$50; 1878 \$1; 1879-80 Metric \$1
 Primary study before coronet with
 beaded border
 Judd 1546-47, 1554-56, 1617-21,
 1645-47



1878 \$1
 Original wax model for silver dollar
 Judd 1554-56, 1565



1878 \$5
 Original model; leaves and berries
 removed left of wing
 Judd 1574a

CHARLES BARBER



1878 \$5; 1879-80 \$4
 Judd 1574, 1635, 1657



1879 25¢, 50¢, \$1
 Copper galvano
 Judd 1590-92, 1597-98, 1603-04



1881 1¢, 5¢; 1882-83 5¢
 Judd 1665-67, 1668-70, 1671-74,
 1675-92, 1704-19



1891 10c, 25c, 50c
Copper galvano
Judd 1760-65

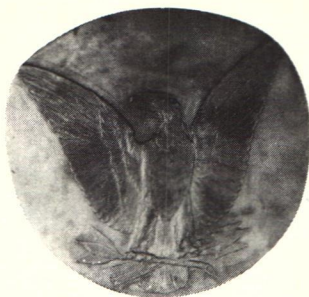


1891 50c
Copper galvano, unfinished shield
design
Judd 1765-66

GEORGE T. MORGAN



1877 50c
Copper galvano
Judd 1514-17



1877-78 \$1, \$5, \$10
Judd 1545, 1550-51, 1577-78, 1581-82



**1877 50c; 1878 \$1; 1879 10c, 25c,
50c, \$1**
Judd 1503-23, 1550-53, 1565, 1586-89,
1593-95, 1599-1602, 1611-16



1878 \$5, \$10
Very thick, apparently made of iron
Judd 1577, 1581



1879-80 Metric \$1
Copper galvano
Judd 1622-25, 1648-50



1882 25¢, 50¢, \$1
Copper galvano
Judd 1698-1703

AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS



1879 \$1
Copper(?) galvano; primary model
Judd 1608



1907 \$20
Copper galvano
Judd 1776

A.A. WEINMAN



1879-80 \$4
Copper galvano
Judd 1638, 1660



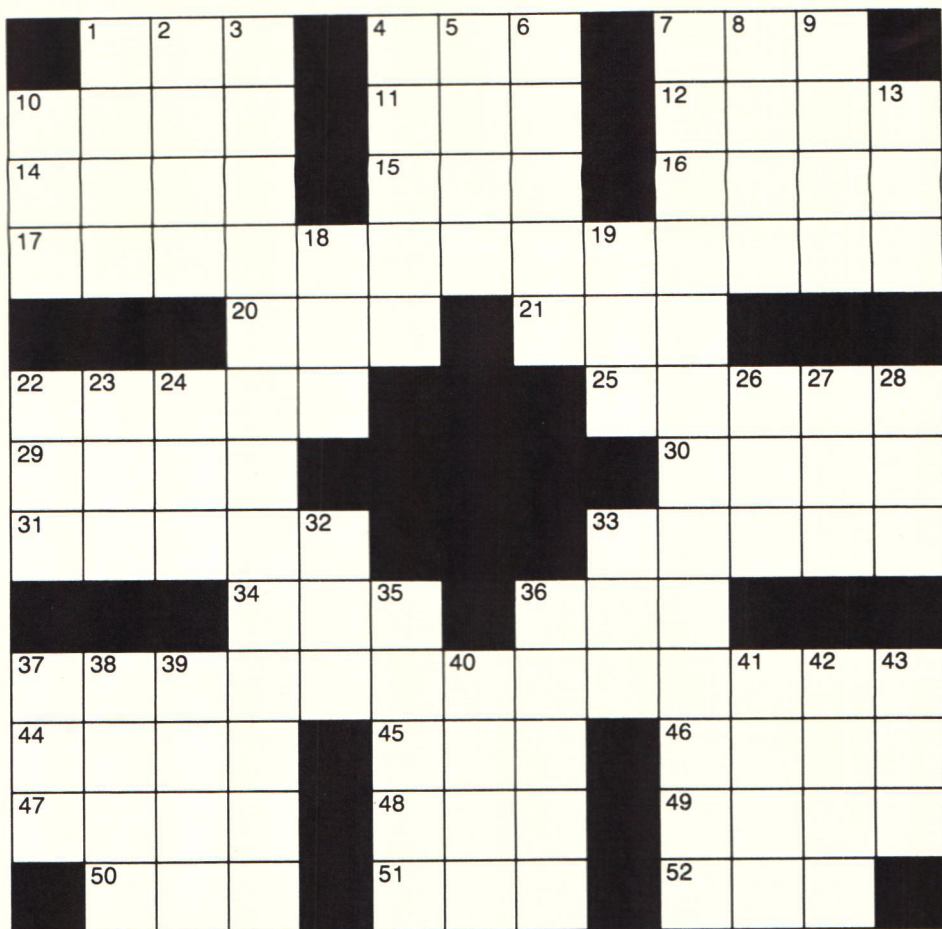
1916 10¢
Judd 1794

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Coin Crossword

ED REITER LM 1034



ACROSS

1. Washington's biggest moneymaker
4. The folks who brought you "The Great Silver Sale"
7. Full-step nickel club
10. An appetizing place
11. Cabinet hazard: friction or fiction?
12. March 15, to the Romans
14. Exaggerated, as a tale
15. Mr. Parseghian
16. Pound for pound, one of the greatest American poets
17. Numismatic highlight of 1960 (three words)
20. A "yes" vote
21. Adam's helpmate
22. Mrs. Henry Luce
25. The _____ Commission: gone but not forgotten
29. Requirement
30. Good place to spend kroners
31. Fabulous storyteller
33. Frequently
34. Abner's sidekick
36. The _____ Guild, coin club for error collectors
37. What perfectionists look for on Franklin halves (3 words)

44. Home of more than half the people on Earth
45. Crumpets' accompaniment
46. _____ Hessler, paper money specialist
47. One kind of buck that isn't dough
48. _____ Arbor, Wolverines' den
49. Possess
50. It's like pulling teeth to win this degree
51. Model T's descendant
52. Attempt

DOWN

1. Jim Dandy kind of bottle
2. Singer Fitzgerald
3. Coins with the famous "Dos Mundos" design (2 words)
4. What ANACS employees do
5. Michael _____, ex-superintendent at the Philadelphia Mint
6. Subside
7. Spanish silver dollars (3 words)
8. Tool for dressing wood
9. Jerome _____, coin-collecting songwriter
10. These give a quarterback the shakes (abbr.)

13. What Miss Liberty did on the Trade Dollar
18. Alkaline substance
19. _____ Adams, former U.S. Mint director
22. Canadian club
23. Enemy general honored on two U.S. commemorative coins
24. _____ grave, bronze Roman coin
26. Supersonic transport
27. Drink that's good for what ails you
28. "_____ Cassius has a lean and hungry look"
32. British or Irish gathering place
33. OPEC's lifeblood
35. Most coins are made of it
36. David _____, Texas coin dealer
37. It's here today, gone tomorrow
38. Circulated
39. Told an untruth
40. It ends on Easter Sunday
41. The East that's not Far or Middle
42. Jealousy
43. Behold

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

A Different Bunch of Addicts

ED ROCHETTE LM 557

Have you ever boarded a commuter train heading in from suburbia with its silent cargo of junior executives and found several engrossed in their morning newspapers, but never turning a page? They just sit there, their legs crossed, papers quarter-folded across their knees. With pen or pencil in hand, they are oblivious to both the passing scenery and their fellow travelers. They ponder, perhaps, a five-letter word beginning with "D," meaning an Australian coin. You could help them, but they never ask, for *they* are crossword puzzle addicts.

The craze for this sport of mental exercise has not diminished since the first word games were introduced more than 70 years ago. Few newspapers overlook the inclusion of a daily word game. Magazines, like this issue of *The Numismatist*, do not escape the demand. So popular are word games that some publications offer their past games in reprint form, and more than

a dozen monthly newsstand publications cater exclusively to addicts.

Crossword puzzles owe their beginnings to an imaginative editor who had space to fill and wanted something dif-



A medal produced by the French Mint in 1976 glorifies "mots croises," the crossword puzzle lovers' addiction.

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ferent for the 1913 Christmas edition of his publication. Most word games prior to World War I consisted of four or five letter blocks created by placing the same word vertically and horizontally. It was not too challenging.

So, Arthur Wynne, editor of the *Sunday* magazine of the old *New York World*, made some changes. He added blank spaces and eliminated the repetition of the same word in the opposite direction. Today, the blank spaces appear as solid black squares, indicating the end of the word. Wynne's first puzzle took the shape of a diamond, and it was an immediate hit.

There is no evidence that Arthur Wynne ever was a coin collector, but by the time he submitted his first syndicated puzzle for overseas use five years later, his use of coin terms had greatly increased. The first crossword puzzle to be published in England was one of his, and it appeared in the

November 1924 issue of the *Sunday Express*. It was a simple puzzle using nineteen words across and fifteen down. Word number one, across, was a three-letter slang expression for coin—bit; eighteen across was a three-letter word for an Oriental coin—yen.

Although no coins or tokens are known to have been issued for crossword buffs, one New York apparel manufacturer introduced a line of fabrics imprinted with crossword puzzles. Every purchaser of a dress made with this fabric was given a book of puzzles which, correctly completed, could be exchanged for a chit or coupon worth a discount on a future purchase. Miniature crossword puzzles were stamped into gold and silver jewelry and sold to aficionados, but it was not until the French Mint took note of the mania that a true numismatic issue was produced.

The French Mint sponsors medallic creations by sculptors and in 1976 commissioned Maurice Delannoy to design a medal featuring the crossword puzzle. Delannoy depicted a couple pondering a puzzle dictionary in search of a word. In the background is a large puzzle, with the French name for the game, MOTS CROISES (words crossed), and two completed lines, TRISTAN / BERNARD (Tristan Bernard was a pseudonym for French playwright and humorist Paul Bernard, 1866-1947).

The 59mm bronze medal is available to collectors for their cabinets and to crossword puzzle promoters for award prizes. Additional information about the piece can be obtained from Administration de Monnaies et Medailles, 11, Quai de Conti, Paris VI, France.

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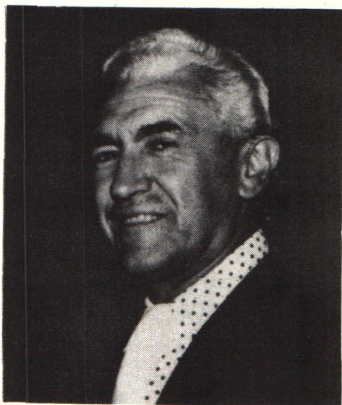
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AN INTRODUCTION TO Bactrian Coinage

TOM BESOM

More than 2,000 years ago there appeared in the heart of Asia a small Greek kingdom called Bactria, which prospered and grew for about 130 years. At the height of its power, Bactria included northeastern Afghanistan, northern Pakistan and even part of India. However, about 130 B.C. the kingdom began to decline and eventually was conquered by barbaric tribes from the north, after which it was almost completely forgotten.¹

Present-day historians have been able to piece together portions of the history of Bactria. While some information has come from the few ancient literary texts that have survived the centuries, the bulk of our knowledge has come from the study of Bactrian coins.

The earliest texts mentioning Bactria date from the Achaemenid Empire and state that the region was an Achaemenid satrapy, or province, for 200 years. According to a later Greek work, following Alexander the Great's victory over Achaemenid ruler Darius III in 330 B.C., the region became part of the Macedonian Empire.

Not long afterward, Bessus, the satrap,

or governor, of Bactria, initiated an uprising against Alexander. This insurrection was short-lived, however, because in 328 B.C. Alexander led an army to Bactria, subdued the rebels and built military strongholds at Alexandria-Bactra and Alexandria of the Oxus. With the region once again firmly under his control, Alexander began to establish Greek towns and colonies in Bactria, including the future capital city of Bactra.²

Alexander the Great retained control of Bactria until his death in 323 B.C., when his entire empire came under the rule of his sons, Alexander IV and Philip III Arrhidaeus. Both were murdered shortly after ascending the throne, and the empire was divided among Alexander's most powerful officers.

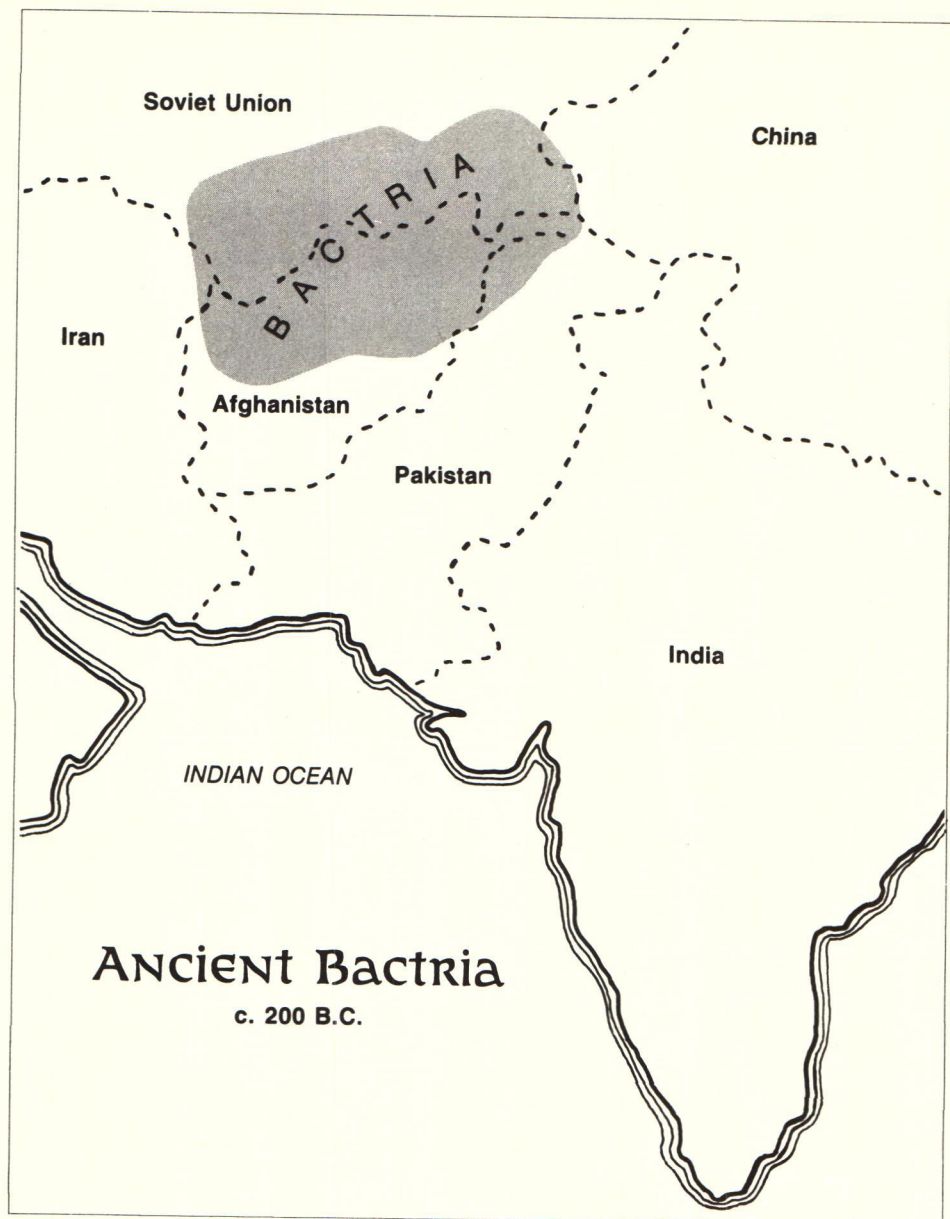
One of these, Seleucus Nicator, received the eastern satrapy, which stretched from the Euphrates River all the way to the Indus. This region became known as the Seleucid Kingdom, and Bactria became a semi-independent province ruled by a satrap. In the third century B.C., Diodotus I was assigned the position of Bactrian satrap by Antiochus II, the Seleucid ruler. Once in power, Diodotus took advantage of the turmoil plaguing the Seleucid Kingdom at the time and declared Bactria's independence.³

Ancient literary sources have provided little information about the Bactrian kings who succeeded Diodotus. According to the Greek historian Polybius, the Bactrian throne was taken from Diodotus II, son of Diodotus, by Euthydemus in about 235 B.C. Polybius also relates that in 208 B.C. Euthydemus was attacked by Antiochus III, the Seleucid ruler, who wanted to regain control of the former province. This act of aggression led to a war in which Euthydemus was defeated near what is now the Hari Rud River, and was forced to withdraw to his capital, Bactra. At that point the Seleucid army surrounded the city and laid siege



Displaying Greek influence, this tetradrachm of Demetrius (200-185 B.C.) displays on its obverse a bust of the king wearing an elephant-skin headdress, while the reverse shows Herakles crowning himself with an ivy wreath and holding a club and lion skin.

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to it. Two years later peace finally was attained under terms that allowed Euthydemus to rule Bactria as a semi-independent king.⁴

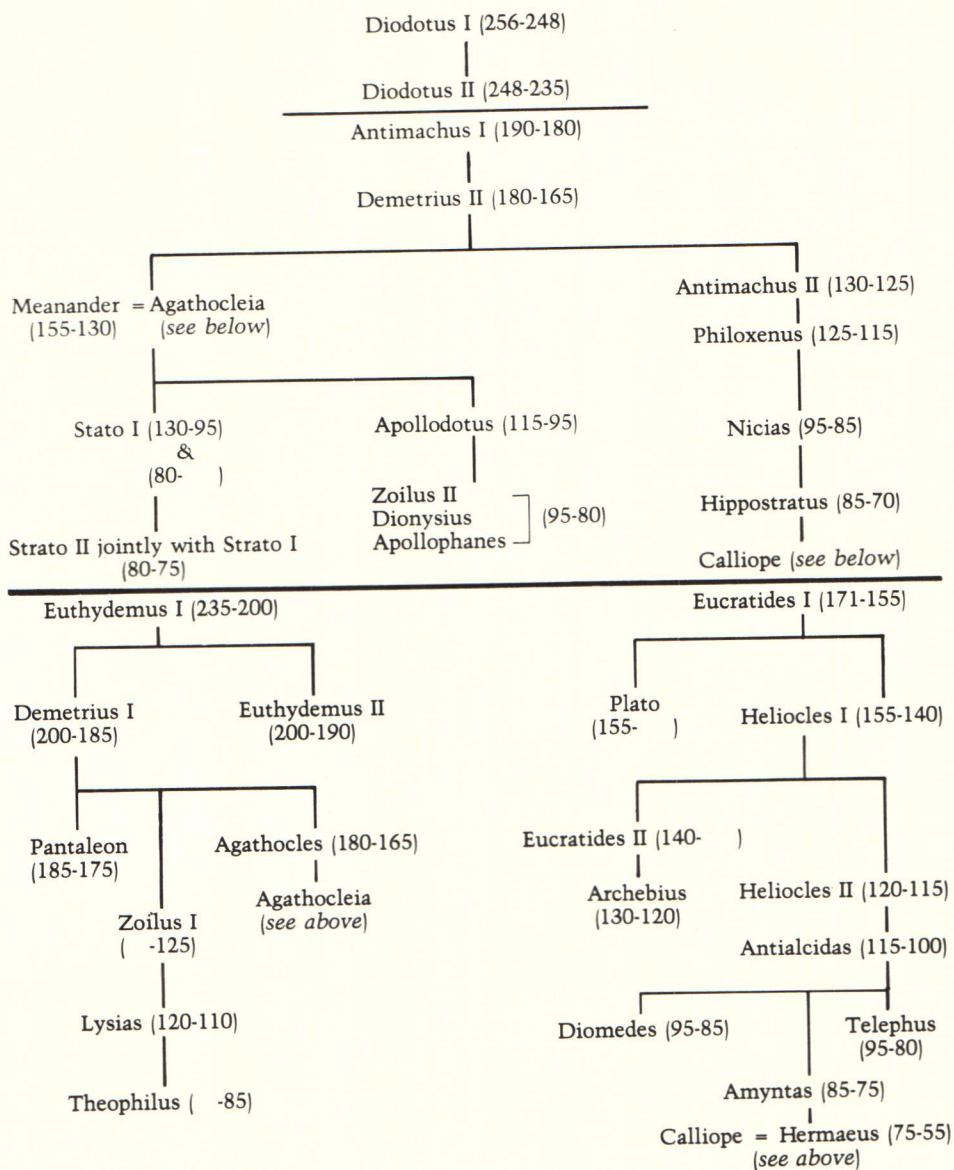
In works by later authors, notably Romans Justin and Strabo, a certain Bactrian king is mentioned by the name of Eucratides. He is said to have come to

the throne at the same time as Mithradates I of Parthia and to have "ruled a thousand towns."⁵

Bactrian coins have been far more useful than literary texts in reconstructing the Bactrian kingdom's history. Thousands of coins have been discovered in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

The Indo-Greek Kings in Genealogical and Chronological Arrangement

All dates are approximate and many are hypothetical.



Relationship uncertain: Polyxenus, Epander, Artemidorus and Peucolaus.
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Adapted from Narain, A.K. *The Indo-Greeks* (Oxford 1957).

Many of Bactria's rulers—particularly the earlier ones—issued coins according to the Athenian (Attic) monetary system. The monetary unit in this system was the drachma, a round silver coin measuring about 20.3mm in diameter and weighing approximately 4.2g. Other denominations circulated by the Bactrians include the tetradrachm, obol and stater.

The tetradrachm, which was equal to four drachmas, is a 33mm silver coin weighing approximately 16.9g. The obol, also of silver, was worth one-sixth of a drachma, measures 10.2mm in diameter and weighs a little more than 0.7g. The stater, largest denomination of the four, contains 8.3g of gold and was equal in value to 20 silver drachmas.⁶

Later Bactrian kings adopted an Indian monetary system, in which the standard of weight was the rati, a red-and-black seed of the ganja berry⁷ weighing about 0.1g. Coins were issued in silver, copper, nickel, billon (silver alloyed with a base metal, such as copper) and lead in denominations of 20 ratis (weight approximately 2.3g), 80 ratis (9.2g), 100 ratis (11.3g) and 140 ratis (16g).⁸

Coins struck according to the Athenian system are purely Greek in fabric. The obverses usually carry a profile bust of the issuing king, pictured wearing either a diadem, helmet or elephant-skin head-dress. The most common devices appearing on reverses are Greek deities or heroes such as Zeus, Herakles, Poseidon, Athena, the Dioscuri (Castor and Pollux, twin sons of Zeus), Apollo, Helios or Nike. Standard on the reverse is the Greek inscription BASILEOS, meaning "king," along with the name of the king in possessive form, indicating that the coin is his issue.⁹

The coins of later kings not only make use of Indian weight standards but also Indian motifs. On many pieces the traditional Greek devices are replaced by Indian designs showing an elephant, camel, boar, humped bull, panther, eastern deity, or a man mounted on a horse. Also, while obverses feature a Greek inscription, reverses carry a Prakrit legend written in Kharoshthi script.

One example of a coin displaying Indian influence is the 20-rati silver piece issued by Apollodotus. On its obverse the traditional king's portrait is replaced by a



An example of Bactrian coinage displaying Indian influence, this 20-ratis piece of Apollodotus (115-95 B.C.) replaced the traditional king's portrait on its obverse with a standing elephant, while the reverse carries a depiction of a humped bull.

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standing elephant and the Greek motto BASILEÓS APOLLODOTOU SOTERÓS ([Coin] of King Apollodotus, the savior). The reverse of this square coin carries a bull and the Kharoshthi equivalent of the obverse legend.¹⁰

No matter their issue date or design, all Bactrian coins were manufactured by the same process. First, a circular piece of metal called a "flan" was heated and placed onto the obverse die, which had been set into an anvil. Then a cylindrical bar, with the reverse die fitted into the end, was held over the flan and struck with a hammer. The hammer blow forced the softened metal into the dies to form raised images.¹¹

Through the study of Bactrian coins, numismatists have discovered and chronologically arranged the names of 42 kings—90 percent of whom otherwise would be completely unknown.¹² One method used to accomplish this task involved comparing the coinage styles of different kings. Those rulers whose issues are completely Hellenistic in fabric must have reigned earlier than those whose coins carry Indian motifs or are crudely executed. For example, the portraits on Antimachus' coins are so classically Greek that he must have been a very early king, while those on the coins of Strato II are so stylized that he could not have reigned at any other time but near the fall of the kingdom.

"Commemorative" coins have proven to be invaluable to numismatists in determining the chronology and genealogy of Bactrian kings. Agathocles issued a tetradrachm honoring Alexander the Great.



A commemorative tetradrachm issued by Eucratides (140-? B.C.) shows on its obverse a helmeted bust of the king, and on its reverse, busts of his parents, Heliocles and Laodice.

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On the obverse of this piece, within a border of dots, appears the idealized bust of Alexander wearing a lion-skin cap. The Greek legend to the right of his head reads ALEXANDROU ([In the name] of Alexander), and to the left continues TOU PHILIPPOU (son of Philip). The coin's reverse shows Zeus seated on a throne and the inscription BASILEUONTOS DIKAIΟΥ AGATHOCLEOUS, meaning "[Coin] of the pious ruling king, Agathocles."¹³

Agathocles also issued a coin commemorating the reign of Diodotus. The obverse carries a portrait of Diodotus wearing a diadem, along with the legend DIODOTOU SOTEROS ([In the name] of Diodotus, the savior), while the reverse is similar to that of the Alexander the Great commemorative.¹⁴ Other tetradrachms issued by Agathocles honor Euthydemus and Demetrius.

These commemorative issues are important because they inform us that the reign of Agathocles followed those of Euthydemus and Demetrius, and that Agathocles may have been related to his predecessors. We also can conclude that following the death of Alexander and the independence of Bactria, but before the rule of Agathocles, the principal kings were Diodotus, Euthydemus and Demetrius.

Other commemoratives also have contributed to our knowledge of the Indo-Bactrian rulers. One such piece, issued by Eucratides, features on its obverse the helmeted bust of the king, while the reverse carries busts of his parents with

the Greek inscription HELIOKLEOUS KAI LAODIKES ([In the name] of Heliocles and Laodice).¹⁵

Another commemorative, minted by Strato, depicts on its obverse the king's profile along with that of Agathocleia, his mother. Strato also issued a coin in honor of his grandson, who was named for him. The portrait, that of Strato in his old age, is encircled by the inscription BASILEŌS SOTERŌS STRATONOS ([Coin] of King Strato, the savior, [and] of [his] grandson Strato).

The latest known Indo-Bactrian commemorative was issued in the names of king Hermaeus and his wife, Calliope, whose portraits appear together on the obverse.¹⁶ Making use of this information, numismatist A.K. Narain was able to work out a rough genealogy and chronology of the rulers of Bactria, which he published in his volume *The Indo-Greeks*.¹⁷

Scholars have studied distribution and quantity figures of Bactrian coins to help determine the areas of rule and relative importance of each king. Based in part on numismatic evidence, it has been determined that the first three rulers—Diodotus I, Diodotus II and the usurper Euthydemus—ruled only Bactria proper, that part of northern Afghanistan between the Hindu Kush Mountains and Oxus River.

Euthydemus' son, Demetrius, inherited Bactria proper and extended his dominion into eastern Afghanistan as well as the Punjab of Pakistan. Bactria proper was later taken from Demetrius by Eucratides, who then proceeded to add Gandhara to his kingdom. The other lands ruled by Demetrius in Afghanistan and Pakistan passed to Pantaleon and Agathocles, who are often referred to as "Indo-Greeks" to distinguish them from the "pure" Bactrians who ruled Bactria proper.¹⁸

In approximately 155 B.C., Eucratides was murdered by his son Heliokles, who then took the Bactrian throne. Heliokles in turn lost Bactria proper to a group of Scythian nomads called the Sakas. Meanwhile, in eastern Afghanistan and the Punjab, Pantaleon and Agathocles were succeeded by Menander.

Judging from the large number of coins issued and their distribution throughout northern Pakistan and northeastern India,

Menander may be regarded as the greatest of the Indo-Greek rulers. His kingdom was so large it became necessary for him to appoint sub-kings, the most noteworthy of whom, Polyxenus and Epander, minted their own coinage.¹⁹

After the death of Menander the Indo-Greek kingdom began to decline. Its deterioration is reflected in later coinage, which shows a drop in the quality of workmanship. Some numismatists also believe that shortly after Menander's death, the kingdom was divided into several minor states, evidence for which is found on a number of coins dating from the same period with different issuing kings. Some petty rulers depicted on the coins include Zoilus, Lysias, Theophilus, Dionysius, Apolophanes, Nicias, Hippostratus, Diomedes, Telephus, Artemidorus and Peucolaus.

The last Indo-Greek king was Hermaeus, whose name, like that of many other Indo-Greeks, became known to us through his coins. In about 75 B.C., the land ruled by Hermaeus was overrun by two waves of Saka invaders, the first of which was led by a man named Maves, and the second by Vonones.

The Sakas were greatly influenced by the peoples they conquered, and this in-

fluence is reflected in their coinage, which is Greek in fabric. For example, the obverse of one of Vonones' 20-rati pieces shows the diademed king riding a horse, along with the Greek inscription BASILEOS BASILEON MEGALOU ONONOU ([Coin] of Vonones, the great king of kings). The reverse pictures Zeus holding a long scepter in one hand and a thunderbolt in the other.²⁰

The coins of Bactria have proven to be both significant works of ancient art and important sources of information. They have given us not only the names of Bactrian and Indo-Greek kings, but also the rulers' relationships to one another, both chronologically and genealogically. Bactrian coins have shed light on the decline of the kingdom and its eventual conquest by Saka invaders. In short, they have provided us with a whole episode in the human drama we call history, an episode that otherwise would have been lost forever.

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In 1871, the states remaining after the Prussian annexations of 1866 were integrated into the German Empire (The Second Reich), the creation of Chancellor Otto von Bismarck. The Gold Standard was adopted, with a new Reichsmark as the monetary unit, the Mark being divided into 100 Pfennig, giving Germany a uniform coinage. The twenty-five subsidiary kingdoms, grand duchies, duchies, principalities and free cities retained the right to issue in their own name gold and silver coins with values higher than one mark. All twenty-five took advantage of this right and issued silver coins. The types are uniform. The reverses bear the imperial eagle, with two variations. The first reverse type, struck until 1889, is a small eagle. The second reverse, used from 1889-1918, employs a large eagle. The obverses portray the individual state's ruler, or in the case of Bremen, Hamburg and Lubeck, the free city's Arms. Thus the Silver 2, 3 and 5 Mark coins represent, most elegantly, a portrait gallery of German sovereigns, ruling states from tiny Reuss to mighty Prussia from the 1870's to 1918.

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Occasionally we hear a tale so amazing, so ironic, it almost is beyond belief. Often, however, it is the most unbelievable stories that prove to be true. One such episode began in the late 1800s and spanned the lifetimes of two very famous and influential men.

It all started when a young English boy visiting a rural community in Scotland set out to enjoy a swim in a small lake. He was seized with cramps while still some distance from shore, and his cries for help were heard by a young farm boy working a field nearby. The country lad plunged into the lake, towed the drowning swimmer to shore and administered first aid. In due time the visitor recovered and returned to his home in London.

Years passed before the two boys met again. This time the city youth came to the rural community to inquire as to the farm boy's plans for the future. When the young farmer frankly confided that his ambition was to study medicine, the Londoner revealed that he and his parents were ready, in fact eager, to place at the lad's use the money needed for his education.

As time passed the farm boy attended medical school, graduated with high honors and embarked upon a career of scientific research. Eventually, in 1928, he made a discovery that was to save uncounted millions of lives. While working in his laboratory he found that germs could not exist in certain kinds of molds—he had discovered penicillin! The one-time farm boy was Dr. Alexander Fleming, internationally-known scientist and benefactor of mankind.

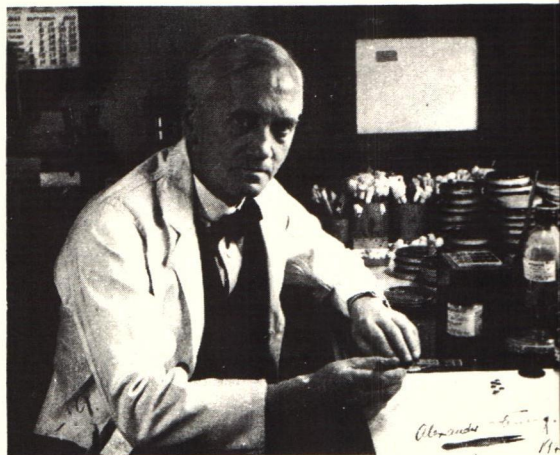
But what about that London youth whose life Fleming had saved and through whose financial assistance Fleming had

been able to scale heights once regarded as unattainable?

The city boy had gone on to become a politician, and one winter, while on an important conference trip to the Near East, he was stricken with pneumonia. As the statesman's condition became alarming, back in England the drug invented by the one-time farm boy was readied, then sped by plane to the sick man's bedside. Within a few hours, the miracle-producing penicillin had performed its mission, and yet another illustrious name was added to the long list of those whose lives had been saved by the drug's amazing properties.

For the second time Alexander Fleming had saved the life of Winston Churchill, the youngster who had gone swimming in that little lake so many years ago.

Indeed, Churchill seemed to lead a charmed life. Few people have achieved fame in as many fields as he, and his years



Dr. Alexander Fleming



1965 British commemorative crown honoring Sir Winston Churchill.

were full of honors. The entire world quickened with emotions of grief and pride on his passing on January 24, 1965—pride in this champion who had so gallantly upheld freedom in its darkest hour.

Churchill's long life spanned as many careers as it did eras. He truly was a man of many facets: one of the greatest statesmen of the century, Nobel prize winner, eminent historian of the English-speaking peoples, chronicler of his own times and leadership, academy painter and, above all, the embodiment of the courage and spirit of the British nation.

By turn he was a statesman, soldier, journalist, novelist, historian, bricklayer and artist, and to all his vocations he brought the Churchillian flair. He loved words; he loved form and color; he loved the turbulence of politics; but above all he loved justice, and therein lay his greatness.



Even at the tender age of seven, Winston had a certain air of dignity about him.

It is as Prime Minister of Great Britain that Churchill is best remembered. Though his country reeled on the brink of annihilation during the early years of World War II, Churchill never flinched. When Italy joined Germany in the war against France and England, France surrendered within days, and everyone thought England soon would be invaded. Churchill told his people to expect "blood, toil, tears and sweat," but he promised that England would never surrender.

Confidence and courage rang out in every speech Churchill made to his countrymen. The English endured horrific bombings, but they fought back, and it

was Churchill who gave the British people the will and spirit to carry on.

In 1965 Great Britain issued a commemorative crown honoring Winston Churchill. Although many medals carry his portrait, England released only one Churchill commemorative coin.

The intention to issue a Churchill crown was announced by Queen Elizabeth II on March 16, 1965. A royal proclamation drawn up by the Queen on August 3 determined a design for the coin, stating

For the obverse impression Our Effigy with the inscription ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA F.D. and below the date of the year 1965, and for the reverse the effigy of the said Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill with the word CHURCHILL. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge. This proclamation shall come into force on the sixth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five. Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this third day of August, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

It was the first coin issued by the United Kingdom that carried both the head of a subject and that of the reigning monarch, and it was the first to portray a commoner. The obverse features Mary Gillick's portrait of the Queen, which was accepted for coinage in 1953. The reverse, designed by Oscar Nemon, carries a low-relief portrait of Churchill executed in a rough, sculptured technique.

Nemon had been a close friend of Churchill's for many years, having met the statesman in Marakesh in 1950. In fact, the only sculpture Churchill himself ever did was a bust of Nemon that he presented to the artist. It was because of this friendship, and Nemon's eminence as a sculptor, that his design was accepted for the Churchill commemorative crown. The portrait for the piece was derived from a bust of Churchill in a "siren suit," sculpted by Nemon for Queen Elizabeth and now on display in Windsor Castle.

The Churchill crown was a controversial coin, despite its tremendous mintage, with some critics disliking its low relief and impressionistic treatment of Churchill, and others finding Nemon's reverse to

be disharmonious with Mary Gillick's obverse. Oscar Nemon himself was not fully satisfied with the model he submitted to the Royal Mint and requested additional time to add some finishing touches to it. However, because of public pressure for the proposed coin, the Royal Mint began preparation of the dies, and Nemon was unable to add detailing and rework the relief as he wished. While the end result was an imaginative and unusual coin portrait, the artist was not pleased.

A total of 19,640,000 copper-nickel Churchill crowns were struck by the Royal Mint in London. Lady Churchill began the coining press in September 1965 and was presented the first coin struck, along with a second piece coined by the Queen herself. Distribution of the coins to the public began on October 11, and production continued until the summer of 1966, filling the demand for crowns carrying the controversial portrait of Sir Winston.

A truly great person is one who can inspire, and Sir Winston Churchill was one of the greatest Englishmen of all time. He inspired a nation to believe that during the worst periods of World War II England was not beaten. He convinced the British that they could win the war.

If not for the courage of Dr. Alexander Fleming and, later, his discovery of penicillin, the world might have been deprived of one of its greatest leaders. Today Churchill is a chapter in history, but he left the world a heritage of hope that death cannot dim nor time drain away.

The history of England might have taken quite a different turn but for the heroic efforts of a country boy who became a noted doctor and thus contributed to the survival of Sir Winston Churchill. A quirk of fate that only proves truth sometimes *is* stranger than fiction.

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The Royal Canadian Mint has released a \$100 gold coin and a silver dollar to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Canada's national parks system, marking the first time the mint has released two different commemorative coins simultaneously.

Both pieces bear a common obverse featuring Arnold Machin's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. The reverse of the 27mm \$100 issue was designed by Toronto artist Hector Greville, and shows a solitary bighorn sheep standing atop a cliff, encircled by the inscriptions 1885 NATIONAL PARKS • PARCS NATIONAUX 1985 and 100 DOLLARS. The 17g coin, which contains one-half troy ounce pure gold alloyed with 8.3-percent silver, is limited to a mintage of 200,000 and sells for US\$260.

The reverse of the 1985 silver dollar, designed by Montreal artist Karel Rohlicek, pictures a majestic moose standing in the shallow waters of a mountain lake, with mountains and trees towering in the background. Encircling inscriptions read NATIONAL PARKS • 1885-1985 • PARCS NATIONAUX and DOLLAR. The piece contains 50-percent fine silver, measures 36.1mm and weighs 23.3g. Proof editions are priced at US\$14.40, while Brilliant Uncirculated versions sell for \$9.70.

Orders, which will be accepted through December 15, 1985, and inquiries concerning the Canadian National Parks commemoratives should be addressed to the Royal Canadian Mint.



SINGAPORE

Gold Bullion Sets Offered

In November 1984 the Singapore Mint released its new "Singold" (good luck) gold bullion set, which marks the Chinese lunar Year of the Rat on the common obverse and carries various good luck characters on the reverses. In February 1985 a second commemorative set was issued, this one honoring the Year of the Ox on the common obverse, with Chinese characters representing strength featured



on the reverses. Both issues are available in 1/2-, 1/4-, 1/10- and 1/20-ounce sizes measuring 27, 23, 18 and 14mm, respectively, and may be purchased individually or in sets.

Prices for the commemoratives are at a set percentage above gold spot price and reportedly are comparable to prices for krugerrands and Pandas—between 6 and 25 percent above bullion value, depending on size. Each piece is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity, and red velvet presentation cases for the four-piece sets also may be purchased.

Requests for information about Year of the Rat or Year of the Ox bullion pieces should be directed to the Singapore Mint or PandaAmerica Corp., 426 Via Corta, Suite 300, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274, telephone 800/472-5018.

Year of the Ox Observed

A legal-tender Uncirculated coin set, \$10 Uncirculated nickel coin and \$500 Proof gold coin honoring the lunar Year of the Ox recently were released by the Republic of Singapore.



Depicting native wildlife, the 1985 Uncirculated set contains six coins in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and \$1. The coins are housed in a red plastic wallet along with obverse and reverse descriptions, technical specifications, and literature about the Year of the Ox.

The \$10 piece carries on its obverse the state arms of the Republic of Singapore. The central reverse design, showing the legendary ox along with Chinese characters denoting "Year of the Ox," is encircled by the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac and the denomination 10 DOLLARS. The coin measures 40.7mm, weighs 28g and is presented in a red plastic wallet.

Containing one-half troy ounce of fine gold, the \$500 Proof also carries the Singapore arms on its obverse, while the reverse features an ox surmounted by Chinese characters and the denomination 500 DOLLARS. The coin is encapsulated, housed in a brocade-bound presentation box and accompanied by a serially-numbered certificate of authenticity.

The Uncirculated set, \$10 Uncirculated nickel piece and \$500 Proof gold coin are respectively priced at US\$4.50, \$9 and \$510, including surface postage. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the Singapore Board of Commissioners of Currency, 79 Robinson Rd., #01-01, Singapore 0106, Republic of Singapore.

AUSTRALIA

Kangaroo Graces Dollar

The Royal Australian Mint has announced the availability of 1984 Proof and Uncirculated \$1 coins to North American collectors. The new coin signifies the first major change in Australian currency since the introduction of the decimal system in 1966.

The \$1 coin has several distinctive features, including aluminum-bronze com-

position, golden coloring, thick planchet and an edge of seven plain and seven milled alternating segments. The obverse carries Arnold Machin's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, while the reverse features the native Australian kangaroo along with the denomination.

The 1984 Proof \$1 in display case is priced at \$15, and the Uncirculated version, housed in a special folder, sells for \$6. Additional information is available from the Royal Australian Mint, 115 Main Rd., Montville, NJ 07045.

HUNGARY

Forestry Commemoratives Released

The IX World Conference on Forestry, scheduled to take place this year in Mexico, is recognized on a set of two legal-tender commemorative coins released by the National Bank of Hungary. Both the nickel-silver 100-forint piece and the copper-nickel 20 forints have been circulating in Hungary since November 1984.

The 100-forint piece features on its obverse the official emblem of the IX Conference on Forestry, together with the inscription MAGYAR NÉPKÖZTÁRSASÁG, the date and denomination. The reverse carries a stylized forest design picturing a group of saplings interspersed with tree stumps, and the inscription HA KIVÁGOD ÜITESS IS! (if you cut them down, plant new ones). The piece weighs 12g and measures 32mm in diameter.

Excepting changes in denomination,



the obverse of the 7g, 26.8mm 20-forint coin is the same as that of the 100-forint. The reverse pictures a stylized broad-leaf tree against a background of diagonal lines, and the inscription VÉDD AZ ERDŐT! (save the forest).

Both coins were minted in quantities of 20,000, of which 5,000 are Proofs. Ordering information can be secured from the National Bank of Hungary.

TOKELAU

1983 \$5 Coin Released

Struck by the Singapore Mint, a 38.8mm 1983-dated \$5 coin has been released by the atoll of Tokelau, a dependency of New Zealand. The 27.2g piece is struck in both sterling-silver Proof (mintage of 1,000) and copper-nickel Uncirculated (2,000), and features on its obverse the Machin portrait of Queen Elizabeth, while the reverse depicts Tokelau natives gathering rain-water in the base of a coconut tree, together with the inscription LIMA TALA.

The silver Proof sells for \$40; the Uncirculated, \$5, plus handling charges of \$4 and \$1, respectively. Additional information can be secured from the Tokelau Numismatic Agency, GPO Box 954, 118 King William St., Adelaide, South Australia.

FINLAND

Kalevala Sesquicentennial Noted

A silver 50-markka legal-tender commemorative coin marking the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the Finnish national epic poem, *Kalevala*, was released recently by the Mint of Finland.

Kalevala, assembled by Elias Lönnrot from traditional Finnish ballads, lyric poems and incantations, was published in its original 32-canto form in 1835 and later expanded to 50 cantos in 1849.

Kalevala is a poetic name for Finland meaning "Land of Heroes," and was thought to be the dwelling place of the poem's chief characters. The heroes are known as the "sons of Kaleva," and their leader, the old and wise Vainamoinen, is a supernatural seer who also is master of the *kantele*, a harp-like stringed instrument. The poem has been cited as the inspiration for many other artworks, and resembles Longfellow's *Song of Hiawatha* in both style and meter.

GOVERNMENT MINTS

Administration de Monnaies et Médailles, 11 Quai de Conti 75260, Paris 6E, France.

Agency of Western Samoa Treasury, GPO Box 954, Adelaide, South Australia.

British Royal Mint, c/o Barclays Bank, P.O. Box 2570, New York, NY 10163, telephone 800/221-1215.

Casa de Moneda, Calle de Apartado No. 13, Mexico 1, D.F.

Coin Section, The Treasury, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand.

Dutch Mint, 115 Main Rd., Montville, NJ 07045.

Imprensa Nacional—Casa Da Moeda, Numismatic Department, R.D. Francisco Manuel de Melo, 1092 Lisboa, Portugal.

Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, American Liaison Office, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10001.

Myntverket, Box 401, S-631 06 Eskiltuna, Sweden.

National Bank of Hungary, Magyar Nemzeti Bank, Budapest, Hungary 1850.

Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 476, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9H3, Canada.

Singapore Mint, 249 Jalan Boon Lay, Singapore 2261, Republic of Singapore.

Swiss Federal Mint, 28 Bernstrasse, Bern 3003, Switzerland.

United States Mint: Philadelphia Mint, P.O. Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19105; Denver Mint, 320 W. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80204; San Francisco Old Mint, 88 5th St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

The .500 fine silver *Kalevala* commemorative, designed by Reijo Paavilainen, bears on its obverse a stylized representation of Vainamoinen along with the inscription KALEVALA 1835-1985. The reverse carries a forest scene reflected in a huge lake, the inscription SUOMI FINLAND and the denomination. The coin's edge is inscribed PYSY SUOMESSA PYHANA, KARJALASSA KAUNIHINA ("in Finland remain sacred, beautiful in Carelia"). Limited to a mintage of 300,000, the piece measures 35mm and weighs 20g.

Orders and inquiries about the *Kalevala* 50-markka issue should be directed to the SYP Monetarium, Aleksanterinkatu 30, SF-00100 Helsinki, Finland.

ISLE OF MAN

Angel Series Expanded

In February 1985 the Pobjoy Mint and the Isle of Man introduced a new gold bullion coin, the angel, intended to compete with South Africa's kruggerand on the international market. Because of the popularity of the new coin at the Chicago International Coin Fair this past March, a decision was made to expand the angel line, which originally consisted of one-ounce and tenth-ounce gold pieces, to include quarter-, half-, five- and ten-ounce issues.

All angel coins bear on the obverse Raphael Maklouf's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, and on the reverse a depiction of the archangel Michael slaying a dragon. Each coin is struck in .917 fine gold, alloyed with a small amount of copper, which is used as a hardener and also gives the pieces a reddish color.

Additional information about the angel series can be obtained from Pobjoy Mint's U.S. distributor, Keogh-Rulau Galleries, P.O. Box 12688, Dallas, TX 75225.

HONG KONG

Gold Piece Heralds Year of the Ox

The British Royal Mint has announced that the \$1,000 gold coin struck for Hong Kong in celebration of the Year of the Ox is now available to North American collectors. Tenth in an ongoing series of legal-tender coins commemorating each of the twelve years in the ancient Chinese lunar calendar, the 28.4mm piece weighs 16g and is struck in 22kt gold in limited mintages of 10,000 Proof and 20,000 Brilliant Uncirculated specimens.

The reverse, depicting the legendary ox, was designed by Elizabeth Haddon-Cave,



who is responsible for all previous issues in the series. The obverse bears the Machin portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the date 1985.

Discussing the new coin, Michael Mansley, Royal Mint assistant director, made special reference to the attraction that the series seems to hold for collectors: "It's exciting to see the interest which has developed in a number of past issues like the snake and dragon. Certainly, collector enthusiasm for these legal-tender coins is very high."

The Hong Kong \$1,000 gold Proof sells for US\$525; the gold Uncirculated, \$350. Inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint.

February 1985 Mint Report

Denomination	Prev. Total	February Total	Total
Dollars	—0—	—0—	—0—
Half Dollars	5,502,000	4,310,000	9,812,000
Quarter Dollars	119,328,000	114,610,000	233,938,000
Dimes	115,860,000	98,510,000	214,370,000
Five-cent Pieces	99,628,000	103,210,000	202,838,000
One-cent Pieces	911,130,000	1,002,265,000	1,913,395,000

Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments

NONE

UNITED STATES

1985 Proof Sets Available from Mint

Mint Director Donna Pope announced in March that orders are being accepted for 1985 United States Proof coin sets, priced at \$11 each. Containing a half dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and one-cent piece bearing the "S" mintmark, sets are available by mail or from Mint sales areas in Denver, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

Each order for the 1985 Proof set must be accompanied by separate payment in the form of a personal check, money order or cashier's check, payable to the United States Mint; foreign orders must be accompanied by international money order or check drawn on a United States bank in U.S. funds. Orders should be addressed to the United States Mint, P.O. Box 7662, San Francisco, CA 94120-7662.

MEDALS

UNITED STATES

Nordic Festival Spotlighted

A medal marking Decorah, Iowa's, 19th annual Nordic Fest, scheduled July 26-28, 1985, recently was made available to collectors. The festival celebrates the Scandinavian heritage of Decorah, whose early settlers were mostly Norwegian immigrants. In keeping with this theme, the obverse of the 40mm commemorative pictures a Viking ship, while the reverse carries festival information.

Available in antique bronze for \$5, gold-plate for \$22, and .999 fine silver for \$45 (plus 65 cents postage), the Nordic Fest commemorative can be ordered from Medal Division, 116 River St., Decorah, IA 52101.

New FIDEM Medal Released

As of March 1, a limited number of 1985 U.S. Federation Internationale de la Medaille (FIDEM) medals honoring the forthcoming 20th FIDEM Congress and Exhibition, scheduled for Stockholm this June, have been made available to the public.

The 4-inch bronze medallion, designed by Merlin Szösz and produced by the Roger Williams Mint of Attleboro, Massachusetts, is the second in a series com-

memorating U.S. participation in FIDEM, a worldwide organization of medalists, mints, museums and collectors dedicated to the advancement of the art medal. Szösz himself is a veteran medalist whose works were selected for exhibition at the last FIDEM gatherings in Lisbon and Florence.

Describing the 1985 medal, Szösz said, "On the obverse the central design is an eagle symbolic of the United States. Its form is developed after the style of the Northwest Indians and is surrounded by motifs related to American Indian and Viking designs.

"The reverse is designed to honor the host country, Sweden, and is styled after images created by the Vikings out of their mythology. The center panel depicts a dragon feasting upon the 'World Tree,' *Yggdrasil*. The neck of the dragon surrounds the upper blossoms of the tree, which form a pattern of 'Three Crowns,' emblematic of Sweden. The panel is set against a background where another eagle design is repeated. This second eagle is intended to thematically connect the obverse and reverse, but in this instance, the eagle is related to Odin, a Norse god."

Production of the 1985 FIDEM medal was limited to 200 pieces, 50 of which are available to individuals and corporations supporting FIDEM's U.S. delegation with donations of \$75 or more. Checks should



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The series' first issue, designed by John Cook to commemorate the 1983 Florence, Italy, Congress, still is available. Inquiries regarding this medal or the forthcoming FIDEM Congress should be directed to John Cook, P.O. Box 181, Lemont, PA 16851.

Truman Medals Released

The U.S. Mint recently announced the availability of bronze duplicates of the Congressional gold medal honoring the late Harry S. Truman, which was presented by President Reagan to Truman's daughter, Margaret Truman Daniel, during a special White House ceremony on March 26, 1985. The gold medal honors President Truman for his lifetime of outstanding public service and commemorates the 100th anniversary of his birth in 1885.

The bronze duplicate (#681 on the Mint's medal list) measures 38.1mm in diameter and sells for \$2 at Mint sales areas in Washington, D.C., and at the San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia Mints; the medal also may be ordered by mail for \$2.25. Orders, accompanied by a check or money order in U.S. funds, should be directed to United States Mint Medals, P.O. Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

UNITED NATIONS

FAO Calendar Medallion Marks 40th Anniversary

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has released its 40th anniversary calendar medallion, designed by Guido Vanni. The 80mm medal's obverse features a symbolic loaf of bread formed in the traditional Italian "rosetta" shape. Each of the five sections of the loaf portray one of the world's five basic and most important grains—wheat, sorghum, rice, corn or oats.

The reverse carries the FAO symbol, the dates 1945 and 1985, the number 40, and a 1985 calendar. Selling for \$26.50 in bronze and \$140 in silver, the medal is available from FAO, Ufficio Numismatico, 00100 Rome, Italy.

COINS AND COLLECTORS

Q. DAVID BOWERS

A Rose is a Rose

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet"—so goes the familiar quotation.

Not so with coins. Unlike gardening terminology, coin nomenclature is a bit complicated. At the ANA Midwinter Convention in San Antonio in February, an audience member at a Roundtable gathering noted that the banner identifying the convention of the American Numismatic Association did not tell the casual observer much—unless that observer happened to know the meaning of the word *numismatic*.

Indeed, *numismatic* is a tongue-twister for many. How many times have you attended a meeting of established coin collectors and heard someone trip up on the word? I have heard "numsimatic," "numastic" and many other variations. I suppose if our organization were called the American Rare Coin Association, there would be no confusion. But, "numismatic" the term is, and "numismatic" is what we're stuck with.

Come to think of it, the nomenclature in several other areas of numismatics is not any clearer. We have the relatively-recent *exonumia*, which is supposed to mean "outside of numismatics." Technically, this could mean just about everything, for the world can be divided into two categories—things that are numismatic and things that aren't. Thus, the Washington Monument, a bottle of Coca-Cola, a Mercedes-Benz and President Ronald Reagan can be classified as *exonumia*. By inference, Kennedy half dollars, 1839 large cents, 1879-CC Morgan dollars and 1848-O half dimes are *numia*.

Actually, the term *exonumia* has come to include some items that are numismatic. It is not unusual to see a dealer of *exonumia* offer for sale tokens, medals and obsolete bank notes, which are about as numismatic as anything you can think of.

I suppose that *exonumia* was meant to relate to things that are not numismatic but closely allied to numismatic fields. In such a category would be political buttons, which are not tokens, medals, coins or paper money but are related to such items. Stock certificates, which are related to banking and money, may be another candidate. Advertising mirrors, printed trade cards and the like sometimes also are classified as *exonumia*, although I hasten to add that some of these things are *persona non grata* at ANA conventions. A year or two ago, one ANA board member objected to postcards that were exhibited on the convention bourse floor by a dealer.

Then we have the recently-coined *syngraphics*. To the uninitiated, this is even worse than *numismatic*. Does it



A sign over the entrance to the bourse — "Welcome American Numismatic Association"—did not tell the casual observer much.

mean "graphic sin," or what? Actually, it is supposed to refer to the loosely-defined field of engraved and printed monetary instruments, including paper money, stock certificates, bonds and other obligations. This term has had a hard time catching on, and I don't hear it often, although occasionally it creeps into print. Similarly, *notaphily*, which, I believe, refers to liking or enjoying notes, is sometimes seen but is even

rarer than *syngraphics*. Perhaps both these terms deserve burial with a nice funeral.

Then, too, we have the term *scripophily*, coined a few years ago to refer to stock certificates. This sounds like "scrip-awfully," which is anything but pleasant, at best awkward. I have never heard anyone pronounce this word aloud, so I just think it might sound this way. Perhaps if Webster ever learns of it and includes it in a dictionary, I will know how to pronounce it for sure. In my opinion, *scripophily* also needs a decent burial.

Can you imagine a banner in front of a convention hall reading: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NUMISMATICS, EXONUMIA, SYNGRAPHICS AND SCRIPOPHILY, COME ON IN! Surely, any self-respecting citizen would run in the

opposite direction!

These curious terms, which are not decipherable to a large segment of the public, remind me of a "non-slandering campaign speech" I heard a few years ago. This clever dissertation used words that sounded terrible but were, in fact, innocuous. For example, a candidate said of a fellow contender: "My opponent endeavored to interest a 14-year-old girl in philately and, further, committed a piscatorial act upon a vessel flying the United States flag!" Offhand, that sounds awful, unless one realizes that the girl was given instruction in stamp collecting, and the candidate was engaged in fishing aboard a ship.

Philatelists and numismatists unite, and, in the words of a bumper sticker I once saw, let's eschew obfuscation!

THE ROMAN COIN PROJECT

DAVID R. CERVIN

Originated and administered by David R. Cervin, the Roman Coin Project is a program designed for all members of the ANA, enabling them to earn Roman, Byzantine and Greek coins for their activities in numismatics. A total of ten ancient coins can be earned—five Roman coins, four Byzantine coins and one Greek coin. The program is offered free to juniors; a \$12 registration fee is required of adult participants. Further information and a Roman Coin Request Form can be obtained by writing to David R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, TX 79106.

The Race is On!

When the Roman Coin Project was opened to adults almost one and a half years ago, three important firsts were greatly anticipated:

1. First adult to complete the program.
2. First adult to complete the program along with one or more of his/her children.
3. First family (mom, dad and child) to complete the program.

The first goal was accomplished by Sanford Zilberberg of Cincinnati, Ohio, as reported in the December 1984 issue of *The Numismatist*, and it now appears that the Blaylock family of South Ogden, Utah, will be the first to accomplish both goals two and three! Aloma, Richard and daughter Kimberly

all have earned coins one through six, leaving just requirement No. 7 (publication of a 500-word article by Kimberly and 1,500-word articles by each of her parents) and requirement No. 8 (setting up a display of all the coins earned through the RCP) yet to be completed. Can anyone slip ahead of them?

Remember that there are two ways to earn coin No. 6—recruiting two new ANA members or completing the Intermediate Numismatic Correspondence Course. Richard earned his coin by doing the latter, only the second RCP adult and sixth participant overall to accomplish this.

The following participants are recognized for their accomplishments in the RCP. Adult members are designated by the letter (A) following their names.

EIGHTH COIN EARNERS

All those earning coin No. 8 receive as a bonus a Greek coin and a medieval scyphate (saucer-shaped coin), along with reprints of three of my articles. Additionally, junior participants receive a book about numismatics.

27. Douglas B. McDonald, Silver Springs, Nevada (A)

SIXTH COIN EARNERS

Douglas B. Magnusson, Boston, Massachusetts

Kimberly Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah

Aloma Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Richard A. Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Frank Hicks, Jr., North Salt Lake City, Utah (A)

FIFTH COIN EARNERS

Aloma Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Richard A. Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Frank Hicks, Jr., North Salt Lake City, Utah (A)

FOURTH COIN EARNERS

Juniors also receive the HANDBOOK OF GREEK AND ROMAN COINS.

118. Aloma Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

119. Richard A. Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

121. Frank Hicks, Jr., North Salt Lake City, Utah (A)

122. Derek Gray, Alpena, Michigan

THIRD COIN EARNERS

Chris Esser, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Mark Wieclaw, New Lenox, Illinois (A)

John H. Rosengren, Ridgewood, New Jersey (A)

Aloma Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Richard A. Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

Steven Hale, Marietta, Georgia (A)

Edward Greenwald, New Rochelle, New York

Don Bonser, Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Frank Hicks, Jr., North Salt Lake City, Utah (A)

Greg Bennick, Woodbury, Connecticut

SECOND COIN EARNERS

Steven Hale, Marietta, Georgia

Aloma Blaylock, South Ogden, Utah (A)

John H. Rosengren, Ridgewood, New Jersey (A)

Chris Esser, Brookfield, Wisconsin

David Vagi, Fulton, Missouri

Greg Bennick, Woodbury, Connecticut

Mark Wieclaw, New Lenox, Illinois (A)

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FIRST COIN EARNERS

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Frank Hicks, Jr., North Salt Lake City, Utah (A)

A. Timothy Glover, Scottvale, Pennsylvania (A)

MARKET FORUM

MICHAEL R. FULJENZ

United States Proof Set Packaging

1936-1964

United States Proof sets were sold regularly for the first time in 1936; only 3,837 sets were minted, offered in cellophane sleeves stapled together at the top. The stapled sleeves were wrapped in tissue paper and packaged in card-

board boxes. Although individual Proof coins were sold from 1936 through 1942, the majority of Proof coins minted in that era were intended for use in Proof sets.

The manufacture of Proof sets was

suspended after the 1942 issue and not resumed until 1950, when 51,836 sets were sold. The cellophane sleeves and cardboard boxes continued to be used until 1955, when flat packs were introduced. Because the cellophane sleeves aged and often cracked, promoting tarnish burns from isolated exposure to the environment, the flat packs were a marked improvement in Proof set packaging. In a number of cases, cracked cellophane sleeves allowed coins to fall out and become damaged.

The 1955 Proof sets were issued in both cellophane sleeves and flat packs in approximately equal numbers. Both versions sell for about the same price, although some collectors will pay a bit more for sets housed in flat packs. From 1956 to 1964 the production of Proof sets escalated, with 3,950,763 sets sold during the last year of the flat pack (1964).

An interesting phenomenon developed regarding Proof-set trading back in the early 1960s, when I first began col-

lecting. Dealers offered 10 to 20 percent less for flat packs that had been opened. Buying a "pig in a poke" was not for me, so I avoided buying many Proof sets at that time or bought opened sets, which could be inspected.

Reasons for buying unopened sets varied from dealer to dealer, and once the trend started, it became a common business practice. Some of the reasons for preferring unopened sets were quite humorous. Supposedly, virginal, unopened sets would not spot, and varieties could be purchased less expensively. The former reason amounted to trading packages, not coins, much like those today who buy certification papers and not coins.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous individuals seized the opportunity to resale inferior sets in original or reproduced government envelopes. Thus, today it is not advisable to buy sets without first inspecting them, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Flat packs were not the final answer

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though, as anyone who has inspected numerous sets will attest, because many white spots seem to plague half the sets. The origin of the spots has been the topic of many a laboratory or tavern discussion and has yet to be solved. Hypotheses for these milky stains range from planchet or die involvement to chemical or mechanical reaction to the flat pack. Because of a splattered appearance on many coins, I feel that something was struck into or splattered on the pieces during the minting process. The spots occur more often on sets issued from 1960 to 1963. As of yet, no method has been devised to remove the stains without altering the Proof surfaces.

Flat packs also occasionally developed pin holes, which caused air-burn spots and other types of white tarnish. Hard-plastic packaging, initiated in 1968 for Proof sets, solved many of these problems but created a few others.

Today individual Proof coins—such as the Walking Liberty half dollar, Mercury dime and Franklin half dollar—are experiencing a major surge in demand. Contributing to demand is the fact that these pieces are obsolete types; no more are being produced.

The myth that all Proof coins of this era are gems is rapidly dissipating. In fact, the survival rate of gem Franklin Proofs probably only amounts to 5 to 15 percent of the total mintage. The massive melting of Franklin halves when the price of silver was at its peak, combined with poor handling, overcleaning and spotting, make gem specimens a modern-day rarity.

When buying Proof sets, make sure the packaging is not damaged. Slide the coins around gently in the flat packs to ascertain whether any imperfections or spots are part of the coin or the package. To store Proof sets, put them in a dry environment with a constant temperature, and never wrap them in rubber bands. The reason for the old practice of wrapping sets in aluminum foil has always been a mystery to me. Any explanations out there?

The collection of cameo Proof coins—those with frosted devices contrasting

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with mirrored surfaces—has become increasingly popular during the past five years and has contributed to the break-up of numerous Proof sets. However, not all Proofs are fully detailed, even though great care was taken in production, an unfortunate occurrence attributable to inadequate die detail and striking pressure.

Market Update

April 2, 1985

With gold spot at \$318 and silver at \$6.37, Proof sets have been particularly active, especially the 1955-63 issues containing the popular Franklin half.

There is no question that gem Morgan dollars are still upward bound, as bids have climbed to \$350 for the common "S" mintmark. Many professionals feel the slightly better dates are extremely attractive, if and when they are found in gem condition.

U.S. gold remains active in all grades as banking fears have spurred movement of cash into lower-grade uncirculated gold. Collector and investor

demand continues to be strong for higher-grade gold and gold sets.

Original rolls of uncirculated war nickels, Roosevelt dimes and Washington quarter dollars remain active.

U.S. gem commemoratives still are advancing, while specimens in MS-60 and MS-63 condition have stabilized at

current levels. As with dollars, quality agreement is very important here.

Walking Liberty halves have been advancing regularly in all Uncirculated grades, and original rolls definitely are in demand. Remember, the total value of any roll is but the sum of its parts, original or not.

LUBELL ON TAXES

MYRON S. LUBELL

Myron S. Lubell currently serves as coordinator of tax studies at Florida International University in Miami. A certified public accountant and former IRS agent, Lubell holds a doctorate degree in business administration and will address tax-related questions from the readership in this column. Correspondence should be directed to Myron S. Lubell, c/o THE NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Capital Losses

Q. I understand the tax treatment in the case of capital gains relative to profits from coin sales, but what about losses? I am currently disposing of coins I no longer want, mostly by auction. I have had the majority of these coins more than a year and am selling them at a loss. Is a portion of this loss tax deductible? I don't know whether I would be classified as a collector or investor. Is there such a thing as a "collector-investor" for tax purposes? If so, perhaps I am one.

A. Over the past year I have received several letters such as yours. Apparently, many individuals acquire some coins strictly for investment purposes and some for their collections. However, I have never seen a court case where an individual was granted dual status. The courts have consistently held that if an individual invests in coins or stamps, not as a dealer, he will be classified as an *investor* if he demonstrates "requisite greed" or as a *collector* if the hobby-pleasure aspects of the collection are significant. You are one or the other—you can't be both.

If you are classified as an investor, losses from numismatic transactions may be deducted as a capital loss. But if you are classified as a collector (the usual status for most individuals), you may only use such losses to offset gains

resulting from coin sales. Essentially, one cannot report a net loss from a coin collection retained for enjoyment.

Since you probably will incur several losses this year, I'd like to suggest that this would be a good time to sell some of your appreciated coins. Use this opportunity to generate tax-free income.

For example: Assume that you sell a collection of nickels at a \$10,000 loss. If you are classified as a collector, this loss will not be deductible. However, let's assume that you also own \$15,000 of dimes that originally cost you \$5,000. Normally, if you sold these appreciated dimes, you would have to pay a tax on the \$10,000 profit, but if you sold them this year, you could use your \$10,000 loss from the sale of the nickels to offset the profit from the dimes.

If you think that this idea has some merit but would rather hold on to your dime collection in hopes of future appreciation, consider the following suggestion. Sell the dimes for \$15,000 (their present fair-market value) and immediately buy them back at the same price. As a result of this sale and repurchase, the gain will be offset by the \$10,000 loss from the sale of the nickels, and your basis for the newly-acquired dimes will be \$15,000, rather than \$5,000. Thus, when you eventually sell your dime collection, you will reduce your taxable profit by \$10,000.

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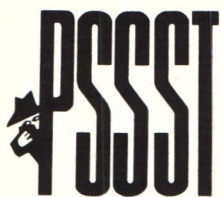
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Despite a number of nicks and dings, this 1925 dollar was graded MS-67/65 because of its exceptional eye appeal.

The topic of this month's column is "eye appeal," unquestionably the most subjective area in grading. No two collectors will ever agree precisely on what makes one coin more attractive and pleasing to the eye than another. Subtle shades of red, brown or gold on a copper coin might be considered "pretty" by some, while others might find it unattractive. The same is true of toned silver coins, especially those exhibiting shades of brown or gray.

Even within the same series, naturally-brilliant coins with no toning vary greatly in overall eye appeal. For this reason a collector of Mint State 65 coins must study luster to be able to properly assess high-grade specimens. A typical 1879-S dollar usually has above-average to exceptional luster in comparison to the Morgan dollar series as a whole, exhibiting excellent frosting and "flash." On the other hand, a typical 1901 dollar has decidedly unattractive luster because of poor quality control at the Mint. A silver dollar collector who wants his 1901 to have the luster of an 1879-S will search for a long, long time.

A general definition of eye appeal is "the immediate impression a coin makes

upon the viewer when it is casually inspected for the first time." Coins with good eye appeal will stand out in a group of coins that are in similar condition. A coin with exceptional eye appeal will immediately capture virtually everyone's attention. Such a coin will have one or more of the following characteristics:

- especially attractive "rainbow" toning
- noticeable cameo contrast between the fields and the devices, whether prooflike or not
- "knock-out" luster for the issue
- a seemingly untampered, original "look" (as if the coin was minted just last week)

The 1925 silver dollar illustrated here is a good case in point. The coin is relatively free of bagmarks, but the viewer does not have to look too hard to find a number of small nicks and dings. However, the luster is extremely frosty and flashy, making it exceptional even for a 1925 (which typically is nice).

The ANACS staff eventually assigned the coin a grade of MS-67/65, because the marks on the reverse were slightly heavier

and more numerous than those on the obverse. If this coin had exhibited normal luster for a 1925 dollar, ANACS probably would have graded it MS-65/65. Incidentally, I later found out that the coin sold for well over \$2,000, which shows the kind of premium the market assigns to a coin of this type.

Coins with above-average eye appeal are true finds, but unfortunately most coins do not fall into this category for a variety of reasons. A majority of these coins are classified as "average," which needs no explanation. What we have left are below-average or "problem" coins. A typical Mint State coin with below-average eye appeal will exhibit one or more of the following:

- impaired luster resulting from overdipping and/or mishandling
- noticeable carbon spotting (especially on copper coins)
- heavy brown or black toning that dulls the luster
- mottled or "streaky" toning
- extremely weak strike and/or numerous planchet and striking defects (such as those caused by the use of heavily worn dies)
- artificial toning

Assigning an accurate grade to this type of coin is not an easy task. Most numismatists simply "pass" on this type of material, a luxury ANACS is not afforded.

According to *Official ANA Grading Standards for United States Coins*, problems such as weak strike, planchet defects and worn dies do not affect the actual grade of a coin. Rather, these problems should be mentioned as part of the grade description (for example, "Mint State 63, struck on defective planchet").

However, any problem that impairs the luster or damages the surfaces of a coin is sufficient for downgrading. Certain types of heavy toning, as well as most carbon spots, actually "eat away" the surface metal of a coin. In the case of artificially-toned specimens, certain methods used to tone the coins lightly etch the surface, while other methods can completely destroy a coin's luster.

When an average collector is offered a coin with a major problem, in almost every instance it is best to "pass." A problem piece rarely improves with age; in fact, it slowly gets worse, until it reaches a point where, in desperation, someone tools or abrasively cleans the coin and ultimately ruins it. A large number of coins fitting this description presently are floating about various bourse floors and display cases, so use caution when making numismatic purchases.

On the other hand, if you are offered a coin that possesses exceptional eye appeal, give it serious consideration. The pursuit of beautiful specimens often embodies true collecting, whether you collect paintings, antiques or coins.

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Midwinter Convention Board Meeting Highlights

Prior to the official opening of the 7th Midwinter Convention in San Antonio, February 21-24, the ANA Board of Governors held a public meeting in the Menger Hotel, February 20. In attendance were President Q. David Bowers; Vice President Florence Schook; Governors Harry X Boosel, Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, A.M. (Art) Kagin, Kurt R. Krueger, Robert Medlar, John Jay Pittman and Stephen R. Taylor; Treasurer Adna G. Wilde, Jr.; General Counsel George D. Hatie; Executive Vice President Edward C. Rochette; Assistant to the Executive Vice President Ruthann Brettell; Editor N. Neil Harris; and Secretary to the Board Judy Stebenne.

Disciplinary Actions

The Board considered 37 complaints against ANA members and acted upon them in accordance with provisions of the bylaws. The names of those members affected and the reasons for certain actions will appear in the "Membership Report" in the June issue of *The Numismatist*.

Conventions

The Board unanimously approved the selection of Heritage Numismatic Auctions as the official auctioneer for the 1986 Midwinter Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Concerning the 1987 Midwinter Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Winborne Springs as general chairman.

Orlando, Florida, was chosen as the site of the 1990 Midwinter Convention, pro-

viding the executive vice president is able to work out suitable arrangements.

New Coin Legislation

In separate actions, the Board voted the Association's support of proposed commemorative coinage for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project, and restated its approval of proposed coinage honoring the 75th anniversary of Scouting.

Souvenir Cards

It was decided that all unsold ANA souvenir cards will be destroyed at the end of the calendar year of their issuance. Cards on hand at this time will be destroyed at the end of 1985.

The ANA will continue to privately issue souvenir cards for midwinter conventions through the American Bank Note Company; however, cards for annual conventions no longer will be produced. ANA souvenir cards should not be confused with the issues of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which will continue to prepare and offer cards for the ANA's annual meetings. These cards will be sold at the convention site and will be available by mail from the BEP.

Miscellaneous Actions

The Board of Governors approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to cover costs of original research and preparation of a book on Civil War tokens by Fred Reed. Stipulations for the awarding of the grant are being finalized by the General Counsel.

Nominations Report for 1985 Election

In answer to President Q. David Bowers' call for nominations, which appeared in the January 1985 issue of *The Numismatist* (p. 72), the following are either incumbents who have declared their candidacy for a specific seat, and/or candidates who have qualified for nomination as of March 31, 1985, for the 1985-87 terms of president and vice president, and the 1985-89 terms of governors.

Nominations were made by members in good standing, including affiliated clubs, prior to April 15, 1985, subject to current bylaws (as published in the January 1985 issue of *The Numismatist*). Any additional nominations will be reported in the June issue.

All nominations were submitted in writing to the executive vice president. These were not acknowledged, but the

nominee will be notified when he or she secures the necessary number of nominations. Article VI, Section 1 of the bylaws requires at least five nominations from member clubs in good standing and at least five nominations from individual members in good standing. Each club nomination must bear the signatures and addresses of at least two officers. No member may nominate himself or nominate a number of candidates for any office in excess of the number to be elected thereto.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot only. In early July all members entitled to vote will be mailed biographic sketches and platforms of the candidates; similar information will appear in the June 1985 issue of *The Numismatist*. Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before July 20 to insure that the votes therein will be counted. The results will be announced to all candidates and members of the numismatic press on or before August 10, 1985.

**FOR PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Florence Schook, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia,
MI 48154—Nominated

**FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Stephen R. Taylor, 70 West View Avenue,
Dover, DE 19901—Declared

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SEAT 5

William F. (Bill) Fivaz, P.O. Box 888660,

Dunwoody, CA 30338—Accepted
Raymond N. Merena, P.O. Box 1224,
Wolfeboro, NH 03894—Accepted

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SEAT 6

No candidates nominated as of March
31, 1985.

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SEAT 7

William H. Horton, Jr., P.O. Box 293,
Franklin, NJ 07416—Accepted

Seats 1, 2, 3 and 4 are not up for reelection
at this time.

The following members have been
nominated but, as of March 31, have not
formally accepted their nominations in
writing and/or declared their candidacy for
a specific seat:

George M. Beach, P.O. Box 113, Owosso,
MI 48867

Grover C. Criswell, Rt. 2, Box 1085,
Ft. McCoy, FL 32637.

Arthur M. Fitts III, P.O. Box 181,
West Newton, MA 02165.

Michael R. Fuljenz, P.O. Box 4141,
New Orleans, LA 70118.

David L. Ganz, 170 East 61st Street,
New York, NY 10021.

Catherine Edgerton (Kay) Lenker, P.O.
Box 6599, San Diego, CA 92106.

Donn Pearlman, P.O. Box 750, Skokie,
IL 60076.

Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, North
Hollywood, CA 91616.

Bowers Appoints Committee to Analyze Bourse Operations

At the ANA's recent 7th Midwinter Convention in San Antonio, president Q. David Bowers named Michael Haynes of Dallas, Texas, to chair a three-person committee intended to investigate and improve bourse arrangements and conditions at the Association's summer and midwinter conventions. The committee will consider such topics as hours of operation, policies regarding dealers' assistants, and the sharing of tables, and will make its recommendations to the Board of Governors at the 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, August 20-25.

Haynes, president of Heritage Capital Corporation, will represent dealers not affiliated with the Professional Numismatists Guild; Paul Koppenhaver, executive director of the Professional Numismatists Guild, will represent the interests of the PNG; and Edward C. Rochette, ANA executive vice president, will represent the American Numismatic Association.

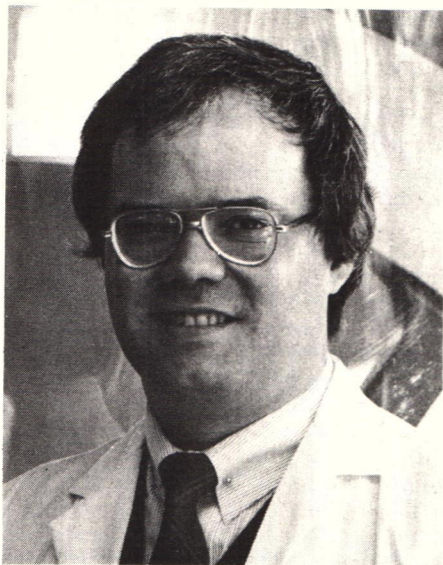
According to Bowers, "The object is to provide bourse arrangements that are as pleasing as possible for the dealers involved and for the convention attendees who patronize the dealers."

DeWolfe and Kolbe to Lead Seminar Classes

Among the more popular courses scheduled for the ANA's 17th Annual Summer Seminar, July 7-13, 1985, are "Coin Photography," conducted by the staff of the photographic services department, and "A Study of Numismatic Literature," by veteran bookseller George Kolbe.

"Coin Photography" will focus on the basic skills and fundamentals of professional-quality numismatic photography, and is designed to aid those who wish to create photographic records of their numismatic holdings. Topics of discussion will include black-and-white film handling, lighting, processing and printing. Each step of the photographic process will be explained through hands-on experience, from camera set-up to photo finishing.

The course will be led by photographic services manager George DeWolfe, whose special qualifications include experience as a teacher, artist, scientist and professional photographer. Class size is limited to 12 students, and early registration is suggested. Although not required, each



George DeWolfe

student may bring his or her own camera; no photographic experience is necessary.

"A Study of Numismatic Literature" has been expanded this year and will include discussions of numismatic literary history; landmark publications that are difficult to obtain but are nonetheless important references; buying books as collector's items; building a reference library; and how to use a library efficiently.

A variety of numismatic books, auction catalogs and periodicals will be surveyed, followed by a session detailing how books are constructed and what materials are used, with special emphasis on how to preserve and protect books. A field trip has been planned whereby students can view actual printing and paper-making facilities.

An avid bibliophile, George Kolbe is particularly well-qualified to teach the course. He is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association, as well as a number of major numismatic organizations, and his columns appear regularly in *Coin World* magazine.

Additional information about Summer Seminar courses may be obtained from Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.



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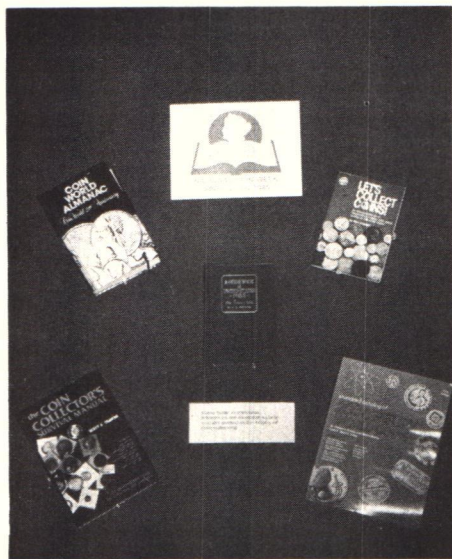
ANA Launches National Coin Week

As a national organization, the ANA most often is involved with large-scale numismatic activities. This year, however, with the help of the De Profundis Society, the ANA staff coin club, a special effort was made to inform people in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region about National Coin Week.

To kick-off NCW in Colorado Springs, ANA headquarters held a special open house on Sunday, April 21. Of particular interest were three exhibits on display in the ANA museum: "From Hand to Hand: Ancient Coins," which features superbly-preserved ancient Greek and Roman coins from the Cutler Collection; "World War II: A Legacy in Numismatics," showing ration tokens, military currency and coins minted during the war years; and "Coins in Christianity," containing coins pertaining to Christian history, including Biblical pieces, coins of the Crusaders and modern Papal issues.

Throughout the week special numismatic exhibits, including a display of numismatic books assembled by ANA museum and library staff, were set up at a local bank and the public library in Colorado Springs.

Finally, National Coin Week culminated with a coin clinic and numismatic exhibit at a Colorado Springs shopping mall, marking the first local coin clinic in which the ANA was directly involved. Conducting the clinic was Ken Bressett,



ANA headquarters staff set up a display of numismatic literature at a local Colorado Springs library.

director of education and publishing at the ANA, and additional ANACS staff, who examined and evaluated material brought in by the public.

According to NCW chairman Nancy Green, ANA's local celebration of National Coin Week was a success, making more people in the immediate area aware of the ANA's existence in the community.

Heritage to Conduct 1985 ANA Auction in Baltimore

Following successful sales at the ANA's 1982 anniversary convention and the 1983, 1984 and 1985 midwinter conventions, Heritage Numismatic Auctions will again oversee auction activity at the ANA's 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, August 20-25. The Dallas firm set the all-time record for total prices realized in 1980 with \$7.6 million, and since that time has sold more coins in conjunction with the ANA than any other auctioneer, with prices realized from Heritage's ANA auctions totaling almost \$20 million.

The Baltimore convention auction may be the last opportunity for ANA members to witness the sale of coins on the East Coast under a Heritage gavel for the remainder of the decade. This year's sale is expected to draw buyers from Maine to Virginia, including top numismatists from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Attendance records set in 1976 at the ANA convention in New York are expected to be rivaled at the Baltimore convention.

Deadline for consignments to Heritage Numismatic Auctions' 1985 ANA sale is June 17. Additional information can be obtained by writing to the firm at 7950 Elmbrook Dr., Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75247, telephone 1-800-US COINS.

Judges' Familiarization and Certification Program Slated for Baltimore

Established more than 10 years ago, the Judges' Familiarization and Certification Program was instituted by the ANA for the purpose of creating and maintaining a nationwide body of fully-trained, competent judges to evaluate numismatic exhibits at ANA conventions. The program will be conducted during the ANA's 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, August 20-25, 1985, and will consist of three separate segments.

The first offers a review and discussion of ANA judging procedures, along with practice sessions in which participants "judge" exhibits in the categories of their choice. The second segment, the Exhibiting and Judging Seminar, features an open forum in which judges and exhibitors alike can offer their comments and suggestions. The final part of the program is certification, which is awarded to those participants who have satisfactorily completed their training.

Exhibits are divided into three groups: competitive, limited to ANA members 18 years of age and older; junior competitive, limited to junior members under the age of 18; and non-competitive, reserved for

ANA members and those invited to exhibit by the ANA president, convention chairman or exhibit chairman. First-, second- and third-place awards are presented in 19 categories: U.S. coins; U.S. paper money; medals; tokens; military medals, decorations, orders and badges; U.S. obsolete paper money; coins issued prior to 1500 A.D.; foreign coins issued in 1500 A.D. and later; foreign paper money; U.S. gold coins; foreign gold coins; Latin American coins and currency; Canadian coins and currency; general or specialized numismatics; private mint issues after 1966; numismatic errors; love tokens; local interest numismatics; and issues of the government of Israel.

Those interested in participating in this year's program at the Baltimore convention are invited to write to American Numismatic Association, Judges' Familiarization and Certification Program, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Inquiries should be received at headquarters at least six weeks prior to the convention and should indicate the exhibit categories the participant wishes to judge.

Tours Enhance Baltimore Convention

A bustling seaport endowed with history and charm, Baltimore, Maryland, site of the ANA's 94th Anniversary Convention, August 20-25, 1985, offers a wealth of entertaining and educational activities. To help convention guests make the most of their visit to this beautiful East Coast city, a number of special tours and events have been scheduled.

Visitors are invited to discover Baltimore on an expedition of the city, and partake of a Maryland seafood feast at famous Gunning's Crab House. Even the traditional spouses' luncheon offers a new and different view of the harbor from Baltimore's latest floating attraction—the *Lady Baltimore*. In addition to sampling the scenic and culinary delights of Maryland's largest city, tour guests are encouraged to take advantage of special jaunts to historic Washington; Philadelphia,

birthplace of American liberty; and Annapolis, Maryland, home of the United States Naval Academy.

Because tour space is limited, convention visitors are encouraged to make reservations for the tours of their choice on the registration card enclosed in this issue of *The Numismatist*.

Discover Baltimore

Tuesday, August 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A spectacular panorama of a unique and rejuvenated city unfolds on this excursion of historic Baltimore. A ride through the Otterbein homesteading district reveals houses purchased from the city several years ago for \$1—homes that have since been restored by their owners and now are valued at approximately \$100,000! This firsthand view of the phenomenon of restored homes and attractive miniature



gardens continues as the tour proceeds along Montgomery Street in Federal Hill, a historic neighborhood known as the "showplace of Old Baltimore."

Inner Harbor is next on the sightseeing agenda. The revitalized heart of the city, Inner Harbor is the site of Baltimore's World Trade Center, the U.S. frigate *Constellation*, Harborplace, the National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center.

Another renowned Baltimore attraction is Fort McHenry, where the repulse of an 1814 British naval attack prevented the capture of Baltimore during the War of 1812 and inspired Francis Scott Key to pen our national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The next stop is Shot Tower, which features a fascinating light and sound show that recreates the process by which ammunition is manufactured from molten lead.

Visitors will enjoy a stroll through Peabody Library, where they can marvel at five exquisite tiers of ornate iron balconies overlooking a central courtyard, or peruse an extensive collection of rare books, including the original folios of naturalist painter John James Audubon.

The tour bus will pass the Federal Reserve Building and the B&O Railroad Museum before stopping at the home and gravesite of Edgar Allen Poe, where visitors can learn of the local lore surrounding the mysterious life, death and burial of this famous storyteller.

Maryland Fare—Gunning's Crab House Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

An old, established restaurant in south Baltimore, Gunning's is synonymous with Maryland crabs. Well-prepared seafood served by a cheerful staff in a homey atmosphere makes a visit to Gunning's a unique experience that is guaranteed to leave a lasting memory of Chesapeake Bay country.

Washington, D.C. (full day)

Wednesday, August 21, 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This excursion to our nation's capital begins with a relaxing ride to the banks of the Potomac and breakfast at the Department of Agriculture. Following a private tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Fred Schwengel, president of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, will lead guests through the halls of the Capitol, from the Senate Chambers to the floor of the House of Representatives. The debating halls, the maze of legislators' working quarters, the rotunda, prayer room and halls of art also will be visited, after which a 28-minute film entitled *Washington City Out of Wilderness* will be shown.

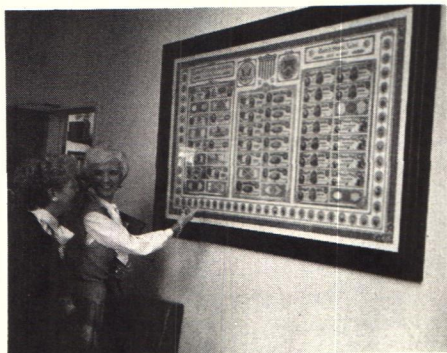
A behind-the-scenes tour of the Smithsonian Institution's extensive coin and medal holdings will be conducted by Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, curator of the Smithsonian's numismatic collection. The tour will then break for lunch at one of Washington's fine eateries, after which guests will have the opportunity to browse through the museum.

Before returning to Baltimore, the tour will conclude with a narrated ride through the Federal Mall, site of such famous government structures as the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, White House, Lincoln Memorial and the inspirational Viet Nam Memorial.

Washington, D.C. (half day)

Thursday, August 22, 6:45 a.m. to 12 noon
Friday, August 23, 6:45 a.m. to 12 noon

The half-day tours of Washington, D.C.,



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will include breakfast at the Department of Agriculture (the price of which is not included in the tour fee) and a private tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Afterward, a narrated riding tour will highlight major government buildings and monuments.

Spouses' Luncheon — *Lady Baltimore* Cruise
Thursday, August 22, 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lady Baltimore, the city's newest floating attraction, is the luxurious site of the traditional spouses' luncheon. Participants can relax and enjoy the sea air and the timeless pleasure of a cruise while observing the Inner Harbor and portside industries of Baltimore Harbor. Both the eye and the appetite will be satisfied with abundant colorful buffets, as guests are entertained by a live musical review.

Historic Philadelphia

Friday, August 23, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Journey back to our nation's beginnings with a visit to where America's freedom

and liberty first were born—Philadelphia's restored historic district. The day begins with a tour of the United States Mint, first opened in 1792, where today most coinage for the eastern region of the country is produced. After viewing the processes by which raw metals are converted into currency, tour guests will be guided by Elizabeth Jones, the Mint's chief engraver, on an exclusive trek to meet the artists and examine Mint equipment and coin dies in detail.

Next on the agenda is a visit to Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were adopted by our forefathers more than 200 years ago. From there, the Liberty Bell, cherished symbol of American freedom, is just a short walk across the plaza.

Following lunch in a restful garden square, a journey through colonial times is in order, with a stroll through cobblestoned passageways to the site of Benjamin Franklin's home; a nearby museum is filled with Franklin's wonderful inven-

tions and memorabilia of his wit and wisdom. Later, at the B. Free Franklin Post Office, visitors can have their cards and letters stamped with a unique postmark. The tour concludes with a ride past the home of Betsy Ross, legendary creator of the first American flag.

Annapolis Adventure

Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our visit to the colonial City of Annapolis begins with a tour of the United States Naval Academy, where John Paul Jones, naval officer and Revolutionary War hero, is buried. The Academy's chapel dominates the grounds, while additional points of interest include the Naval Academy Museum, housing one of the world's largest collections of naval medals; the statue of Tecumseh, midshipmen's "God of Academic Success"; and Bancroft Hall, the midshipmen's dormitory.

The townscape of Annapolis is accented with many architectural treasures of yesteryear. Tour guests can observe and enjoy the splendid Governor's Mansion, Hammond-Harwood House, Chase-Lloyd House and the William Paca House and Garden. The tour also includes a visit to

the colonial silversmith shop of John Chalmers, who is believed to have struck the first silver coins in America following the Revolution.

Participants will follow a historic path to the oldest Senate House in the United States still in continuous use. Within the walls of its Senate Chamber, George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army to become the first President of the United States.

During the day, time will be set aside for guests to dine and browse in quaint restaurants and shops along the picturesque Annapolis City Dock.

ANA Banquet—Constellation Ballroom

Saturday, August 24, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marion Russell—Margo to her friends and protégées—officially stepped down from her position as editor of *Coin World* in February 1985. In tribute to this truly amazing woman and her selfless devotion to the hobby, the American Numismatic Association will formally honor her at the convention banquet, to be held in the Constellation Ballroom of the Baltimore Hyatt Regency Hotel.

MUSEUM

Pattern Donations Sought

Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors, the ANA museum has begun to establish a collection of U.S. pattern coins. For approximately the first 35 years of its development, the museum collection was comprised almost exclusively of coinage types of modern foreign nations. However, with the commitment to establish permanent headquarters facilities in Colorado Springs in the 1960s, the scope of the museum collection was expanded to include all manner of numismatic materials.

Hundreds of members have contributed specimens that reflect their own areas of interest and specialization, and as a result the ANA's present cabinet encompasses significant holdings in many fields. Pattern pieces are extremely important in understanding our nation's coinage, yet



*1792 "fusible alloy" pattern cent (J-2),
presented by Douglas Robins.*

the ANA's collection of such material is still quite small, and additional contributions are earnestly sought.

Listed here, according to reference numbers assigned in J. Hewitt Judd's *United States Pattern, Experimental and*



1863 two-cent pattern (J-305), presented by
Don Henderson.



1866 five-cent pattern (J-481), presented by
W. Philip Churchill.

Pattern Coins Held by the ANA Museum

JUDD NUMBER	COIN	COMPOSITION
J-2	1792 cent	"fusible alloy"*
J-7	1792 half disme	silver
J-149	1853 Proof cent	German silver
J-157	1854 cent	German silver
J-161	1854 Proof cent	bronze
J-168	1855 cent	bronze
J-180	1856 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-193	1858 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-203	1858 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-205	1858 Proof cent	copper
J-208	1858 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-213	1858 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-228	1859 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-235	1859/1859 half dollar (damaged)	silver
J-299	1863 Proof cent	bronze
J-300	1863 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-302	1863 Proof cent	copper-nickel
J-305	1863 two cents (damaged)	bronze
J-312	1863 two cents	bronze
J-356a	1864 cent	copper
J-461	1866 Proof five cents	nickel
J-470	1866 Proof five cents	nickel
J-481	1866 Proof five cents	nickel
J-486	1866 five cents	nickel
J-508	1866 Proof five cents	copper
J-570	1867 Proof five cents	nickel
J-624	1868 Proof five cents	nickel
J-684	1869 Proof five cents	nickel
J-885	1870 Proof quarter dollar	copper
J-897	1870 Proof quarter dollar	copper
J-907	1870 Proof quarter dollar	silver
J-1671	1881 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1677	1882 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1680	1882 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1684	1882 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1687	1882 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1690	1882 Proof five cents	nickel
J-1709	1883 Proof five cents	aluminum
J-1721	1884 Proof cent	nickel
not listed	1942 cent (damaged)	brown plastic

* Because of the condition of this specimen, it has not been possible to verify its precise nature.



1881 five-cent pattern (J-1671), presented by W. Philip Churchill.



1867 five-cent pattern (J-570), presented by W. Philip Churchill.



1870 quarter-dollar pattern (J-907), presented by Don Henderson.

Trial Pieces (ANA library catalog no. GA90/J8), are pattern pieces already present in the ANA museum collection. Those coins not listed are particularly desired as donations.

The Internal Revenue Service has formally determined that the American Numismatic Association is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, all donations—both of cash and of material with established “fair market value”—qualify as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

Additional information can be obtained from the Museum of the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

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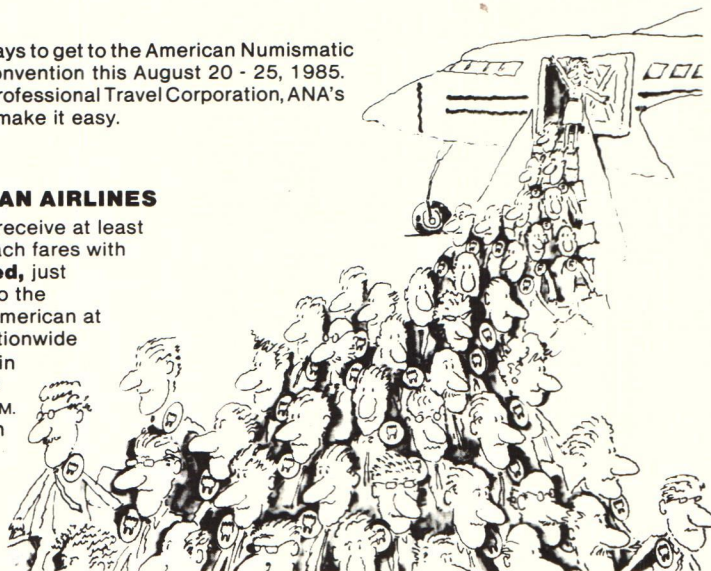
\$25 or more	\$ 2,767.00
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Total Material	22,892.50
Total Donations (2-28-85)	\$26,068.50

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EAST

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- 1-5** NEW YORK, NY. Omni Park Central Hotel, 7th Ave. at 56th St. Greater New York Numismatic Convention sponsored by the American Israel Numismatic Association. Julius Turoff, P.O. Box 25057, Tamarac, FL 33320.
- 4-5** SHIPPENSBURG, PA. Community Center, N. Fayette St. 22nd Annual Shippensburg Coin Club Coin Show. Barry L. Negley, R.D. 6, Box 318, Shippensburg, PA 17257.
- 4-5** PETERSBURG, VA. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Washington St. Southside Virginia Numismatic Association's Annual Coin & Stamp Show. Gregory Tucker, 311 Cavalier Sq., Hopewell, VA 23860.
- 5** ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. J.F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
- 5** JOHNSON CITY, NY. Moose Hall, 19 Arch St. Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Triple Cities Coin Club. Jim Smith, 677 State St., Binghamton, NY 13901.
- 11** WEST HAVEN, CT. Elk's Club, 265 Main St. Liberty Coin Club's "Saturday Coin Show." Jerry Forbes, P.O. Box 5134, Woodmont, CT 06460.
- 19** SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.
- 24-26** VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. Virginia Beach Pavilion, 1000 19th St. Tidewater Coin Club's 29th Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama. Russell Ambrose, 602 E. Liberty St., Chesapeake, VA 23324.
- 25** HERSHEY, PA. Pennsylvania National Guard Armory, 1720 E. Caracas Ave. 13th Annual Hershey Coin Club Coin Show. HCC, 313 W. Main St., Palmyra, PA 17078.
- 26** CHICOPEE, MA. Polish-American Veterans Club, 116 School St. Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Chicopee Coin Club. CCC, P.O. Box 253, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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- 1-2** CUMBERLAND, MD. LaVale Fire Hall, 423 National Hwy. Western Maryland Coin Club's Coin Show. George Waingold, 1260 Vocke Rd., LaVale, MD 21502.
- 2** ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. J.F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
- 16** SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.
- 20-23** CHERRY HILL, NJ. Hyatt Cherry Hill, Rt. 70. 10th Annual Convention of the Garden State Numismatic Association in conjunction with CONECA's Errorama '85. Archie A. Black, P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723; Bob Larkin, P.O. Box 71, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

JULY

- 12-14** NEW CARROLLTON, MD. Sheraton Lanham Hotel. Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association Coin Convention. Paul Singleton, P.O. Box 3632, Arlington, VA 22203.
- 21** SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.
- 27-28** CLAYTON, NY. Clayton Arena, Rt. 12. Empire State Numismatic Association's 7th Annual Mini-Convention in conjunction with the 7th Annual Thousand Islands Stamp, Coin, Postcard and Collectibles Show. George W. Forbes, P.O. Box 316, Clayton, NY 13624.
- 28** SAUGERTIES, NY. Masonic Lodge, Russell St. Coin Show sponsored by the Ulster Coin Club. UCC, R.D. 1, Box 384½, Kingston, NY 12401.

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- 10-11** ROANOKE, VA. Roanoke Civic Center, Williamson Rd. 22nd Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club. A. Marshall Morris, Rt. 4, Box 438, Forest, VA 24551.

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11-12 MARIETTA, GA. Holiday Inn, Delk Rd. & I-75. Coin Show sponsored by the Marietta-Smyrna Coin Club. Ed Buckner, P.O. Box 1975, Smyrna, GA 30081.

11-12 WASHINGTON, NC. Masonic Hall, W. 5th St. Beauford County Coin Club Coin Show. Vernon E. Jefferson, Rt. 1, Box 29, Pinetown, NC 27865.

12 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

17-19 HUNTSVILLE, AL. The Mall, University Dr. & N. Memorial Pkwy. 33rd Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Rocket City Coin Club. J.R. Tate, Box 750, Huntsville, AL 35804.

17-19 ST. PETERSBURG, FL. Skyway Inn, 3600 S. 34th St. St. Petersburg Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Jim Marino, P.O. Box 10551, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.

18-19 JACKSON, MS. Metro Ramada Inn, I-20 at Ellis Ave. Greater Jackson Coin Show sponsored by the Jackson & Ridgeland Coin Clubs. Jim Ratliff, P.O. Box 6423, Jackson, MS 39212.

24-26 ATLANTA, GA. The Waverly Hotel. Georgia Numismatic Association's 21st Annual Convention. Jack Hancock, P.O. Box 1014, Gainesville, GA 30503.

JUNE

1-2 GARLAND, TX. Holiday Inn, 13700 LBJ Freeway. Garland Coin Club Coin Show. Billy D. Gilbreath, P.O. Box 461303, Garland, TX 75046.

8-9 RALEIGH, NC. Quality Inn, Mission Valley. Raleigh Coin Club's 12th Annual Coin & Stamp Show. Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh, NC 27650.

9 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

22-23 KENNER, LA. Sheraton Inn-Airport, 2150 Veterans Blvd. Louisiana Numismatic Association Convention & Coin Show. Patricia J. Reno, Rt. 5, Box 76-A, Military Rd., Covington, LA 70433.

29-30 ORANGE, TX. Knights of Columbus Hall, I-10. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Greater Orange Coin Club. Jerry Williams, P.O. Box 1871, Orange, TX 77630.

JULY

13 SMYRNA, GA. Cobb Center Mall, S. Cobb Dr. & Pat Mell Rd. Coin Show sponsored by the Marietta-Smyrna Coin Club. Bruce Epperson, P.O. Box 263, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

14 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

19-21 BIRMINGHAM, AL. Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. 25th Annual Convention & Coin Show of the Alabama Numismatic Society. Purnie Moore, P.O. Box 3601-W.E., Birmingham, AL 35211.

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11 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

31-September 1 VICKSBURG, MS. Holiday Inn. Coin Show sponsored by the Vicksburg Coin Club. VCC, 107 Eastview Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39180.

31-September 2 ST. AUGUSTINE, FL. Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge, Rt. 1 N. Annual Coin Show of the Ancient City Coin Club. Ed McDonald, P.O. Box 814, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

CENTRAL

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5 MUNCIE, IN. L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Ball State University, 2000 W. University Ave. Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 28th Annual Coin & Stamp Show. David Wantz, P.O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305.

5 ROYAL OAK, MI. American Legion Hall, Rochester Rd. at 12 Mile Rd. Coin Show sponsored by the Royal Oak Coin Club. L.T. Mathews, Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

5 ROCKFORD, IL. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 3909 11th St. 57th Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Rockford Area Coin Club. Ralph Winquist, 1004 "C" St., Rockford, IL 61107.

6 DEFIANCE, OH. Knights of Columbus Hall, U.S. 66 N. 20th Annual Coin Show of the Defiance Coin Club. Gary Tobias, 1880 Maumee Dr., Defiance, OH 43512.

18-19 GRAND ISLAND, NE. Interstate Holiday Inn, I-80 & U.S. 281. 30th Annual Coin Convention of the Nebraska Numismatic Association, hosted by the South Central Nebraska, Hastings & Grand Island Coin Clubs. Elmer G. Nelson, Box 683, Sutherland, NE 69165.

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18-19 ANDERSON, IN. Mounds Mall Shopping Center, 109 by-pass. Annual Coin Show of the Madison County Coin Club. Glen M. Baldwin, P.O. Box 2, Anderson, IN 46015.

25-26 APPLETON, WI. Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave. Numismatists of Wisconsin's 25th Anniversary Convention hosted by the Fox Valley Coin Club. Robert R. Van Ryzin, P.O. Box 1002, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

JUNE

7-9 INDIANAPOLIS, IN. Indiana Convention Center. 27th Annual Convention & Coin Show of the Indiana State Numismatic Association. Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

8 LUDINGTON, MI. Mason County Fairgrounds, U.S. 10 & 31. Ludington Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. Joe Kubiak, P.O. Box 323, Ludington, MI 49431.

JULY

27-28 SPRINGFIELD, IL. Hilton Hotel, 7th & Adams Sts. 36th Annual Land of Lincoln Coin Show sponsored by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Steve Butler, 1712 S. 1st St., Springfield, IL 62704.

28-29 WICHITA, KS. Sheraton Inn-Wichita Airport, I-235 & U.S. 54 W. Boeing Coin Club's 2nd Annual Coin & Stamp Show. John McKean, P.O. Box 3763, Wichita, KS 67201.

AUGUST

2-4 CLEVELAND, OH. Marriott Hotel, 4277 W. 150th St. 25th Annual Coin Show of the North East Ohio Coin Club. Don Aingworth, 2130 Lakeland, Lakewood, OH 44107.

WEST

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17-19 SEATTLE, WA. Flag Plaza Pavilion, Seattle Center. 44th Anniversary Convention & Coin Show of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. Del Cushing, 20121 1st Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98148.

19 CARMEL, CA. Holiday Inn, Hwy. 1 & Rio Rd. Monterey Peninsula Coin Club's 10th Annual Coin Show. Gordon D. Rammer, 116-1 Nissen Rd., Salinas, CA 93901.

25-26 CASPER, WY. Hilton Inn, I-25 & Poplar. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Casper Coin Club. Shelden Sumey, Box 1671, Casper, WY 82602.

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7-9 LOS ANGELES, CA. Airport Hilton Hotel, 5711 W. Century Blvd. "Stupendous 22nd" Convention of the Council of International Numismatics. Arthur Garnett, P.O. Box 33035, Granada Hills, CA 91344.

14-16 PORTLAND, OR. Cosmopolitan Airtel Motor Inn, 6221 N.E. 82nd Ave. Portland Coin Club's Coinarama Expo '85. Larry Moore, 5222 S.E. Foster Rd., Portland, OR 97206.

15-16 SAN DIEGO, CA. Scottish Rite Memorial Center. San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council's 28th Annual Coinarama. SDCINC, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92106.

21-23 PRESCOTT, AZ. Ponderosa Plaza Mall, 1316 Iron Springs Rd. 11th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Prescott Coin Club. Mike Wolf, P.O. Box 233, Dewey, AZ 86327.

JULY

27-28 SANTA BARBARA, CA. Miramar Hotel Convention Center, U.S. 101 at San Ysidro Rd. 27th Annual Coin Show of the Santa Barbara Coin Club. Ronald J. Gillio, 1103 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

FOREIGN

JULY

17-21 REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA. Regina Inn. Annual Convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association hosted by the Regina Coin Club. RCC, P.O. Box 174, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2Z6, Canada.

FUTURE ANA EVENTS

July 7-13, 1985 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 17th Annual Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

August 20-25, 1985 BALTIMORE, MD. Baltimore Convention Center. 94th Anniversary Convention. Carl M. Shrader, General Chairman, P.O. Box 3124, Landover Hills, MD 20784. Auction by Heritage Capital Corp., 7950 Elmbrook Dr., Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75247.

February 21-23, 1986 SALT LAKE CITY, UT. 8th Midwinter Convention. Richard A. Blaylock, General Chairman, P.O. Box 1759, Ogden, UT 84402. Hotel to be announced.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (C-101441)

The Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists currently is expanding its membership base in western Pennsylvania to include members from throughout the entire state. The Association now consists of five districts delimited by telephone area codes. District 1 (western) lies in the 412 area code; district 2 (central), 814 area code; district 3 (northeastern), 717 area code; district 4 (south-central), 717 area code; and district 5 (southeastern), 215 area code. Districts 3 and 4, which both lie in the 717 area code, are separated by the boundary between Snyder, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties to the north and Juniata, Dauphin and Lebanon counties to the south.

In regard to PAN membership, individuals and clubs residing in district 1 should contact Donald Carlucci, 106 Wye Oake Dr., Cheswick, PA 15024; district 2—Jack Zimmerman, 140 E. Logan St., Bellefonte, PA 16823; district 3—Robert Matylewicz, 718 E. Elm St., Scranton, PA 18505; district 4—Anthony Almond, 501 High St., #910, Pottstown, PA 19464; and district 5—Ed Quagliana, 68 Grubb Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. Requests for general information about the association should be addressed to PAN, P.O. Box 144, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

California State Numismatic Association (C-14488)

To celebrate the 1986 centennial of the Statue of Liberty, a new medal has been issued by the California State Numismatic Association. The 38mm piece, designed by Barbara Hyde and struck by the Medallic Art Company, bears on the reverse the CSNA logo, while the obverse depicts Liberty facing left, the dates 1886 and 1986, and the inscription STATUE OF LIBERTY • LA LIBERTE ECLAIRANT LE MONDE.

Available in bronze and serially-numbered one-ounce pure silver versions, the pieces sell for \$8 and \$30, respectively, or \$35 for the pair, with part of the proceeds



to be donated to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee. Orders should be directed to Charles Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, CA 91724.

American Israel Numismatic Association (C-60119)

The annual convention of the American Israel Numismatic Association is scheduled in conjunction with the Greater New York Numismatic Convention, May 1-5 at the Omni Park Central Hotel in New York City. Featured events include a major auction by Stack's, May 2-3; a Judaica auction by Pine Tree Galleries, May 1; and an auction conducted by World Art Medals, May 5.

On Thursday, May 2, the AINA will hold its general meeting, with Morris Bram presiding. On May 4 young numismatists will meet under the direction of Larry Gentile, Sr., and an educational forum will be held. Of particular interest will be the showing of an outstanding exhibit of Palestine Mandate coins, tokens and banknotes issued from 1927-47, assembled by Howard Berlin of Wilmington, Delaware.

For more information about the Greater New York Numismatic Convention, contact General Chairman Julius Turoff, P.O. Box 25057, Tamarac, FL 33320, telephone 305/726-0333.

San Francisco Coin Club (C-40283)

The San Francisco Coin Club has issued its first commemorative silver medal, a serially-numbered 38mm piece bearing the SFCC logo and marking the club's 25th anniversary. Mintage of the .999 fine

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silver medal, which sells for \$25 postpaid, is limited to 100.

Active charter members may request a medal bearing his or her membership number, and remaining medal numbers will be assigned by random drawing. Each purchaser has the option of acquiring future issues with the same serial number as their 1985 medal. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to SFCC, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord, CA 94520.

West Valley Coin Club (C-26810)

"Ring out the old and ring in the new" was master of ceremonies Lorna Lebold's theme for the second annual installation and awards banquet held by the West Valley Coin Club on January 27. Members installed as officers included president Paul Borack; first vice president Kay Northam; second vice president Herb Zepke; treasurer Harry Shirk; corresponding secretary Marin Ostromecki; recording secretary Irene Getz; board members Dillon Frost, Jerry Schreckengost, Maurice Getz and Phil Iverson; and trustees George Baude, Harold Donald and Walt Ostromecki.

Five members were honored with awards at the banquet. Bob Northam was presented the Russ Snyder Award for excellence in exhibiting, given annually to the member receiving the highest average score in the club's monthly display

competitions. For the second consecutive year, Dillon Frost walked away with the Ruth Johnson Literary Award for best monthly feature article published in the club's newsletter. Certificates of recognition for newsletter contributors were presented to George Baud, Al Hall, Lorna Lebold, Marin Ostromecki, Malcolm Porter and Martha Stevenson.

Leonora Donald and Harry Shirk received the club's first George Price Memorial Meritorious Club Service Awards, presented for dedicated service over the years. Donald was recognized for her 19-year tenure as corresponding secretary, and Shirk for 12 years as treasurer.

George Baud was awarded the club's highest honor—life membership. He was one of 12 persons who chartered the West Valley Coin Club in 1955, and served as president for two consecutive years, a singular distinction. In a surprise presentation, newly-elected president of the Numismatic Association of Southern California Phyllis Ellis awarded the NASC President's Trophy for best club newsletter of 1984 to editor Walt Ostromecki.

The West Valley Coin Club meets monthly on the fourth Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda, California. Information about the club's activities can be obtained from Corresponding Secretary Marin Ostromecki, P.O. Box 4159, Panorama City, CA 91412.



Harry Shirk (center) received the George Price Memorial Service Award at the West Valley Coin Club's annual awards banquet.

Calgary Numismatic Society (C-29794)

Two major awards were presented at the January 22 Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Numismatic Society. The Donald D. Paterson Award—named for the designer of the 1975 Calgary silver dollar—was presented to current CNS First Vice President Stanley H. Clute, 1983 winner of the prestigious Canadian Numismatic Association Guy Potter Literary Award. A noted researcher, author and historian, Clute has worked relentlessly at local coin shows; exhibited at local, regional, national and international shows; and continually shares his numismatic expertise and material with aspiring

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young collectors.

During the CNS' 35-year history, only eight honorary life memberships have been awarded, the last of which was bestowed upon long-time member Murray Weston, a CNS past president. According to a club spokesperson, "Murray Weston is a gentleman of the first order, quiet and reserved at times but knowledgeable and impressive in our hobby when he gives a speech or presents a program to the Society. He is a numismatist in the truest sense of the word . . . a most deserving recipient of the CNS' highest award."

Michigan State Numismatic Society (LC-20)

The Michigan State Numismatic Society recently elected officers for the 1985-86 term. Serving as president is Charles Fenwick; first vice president, Pam Kocembo; second vice president, George Beach; secretary, Ann Bobrofsky; treasurer, Russell Barr; and governors, Max Brail, Albert Bobrofsky, Lucien Chojcecki, Chester Clark, Martin Delger, Jim Frans, Joseph Lepczyk, Joesph Mikolajczyk, Joe Overstreet, Al Patterson, Bill Swoger and Shirley Wilamowski.

Northern California Numismatic Association (C-44444)

The Northern California Numismatic Association has issued the eighth edition of its "Coin Club List," which contains information about meeting times and places, annual dues and official mailing addresses for each coin club in the Association. "NCNA releases revised editions of the list periodically for the purpose of encouraging coin collectors to join a coin club and for current members to visit other coin clubs," notes editor O.L. Wallis. The free list is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Wallis at 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Raphael, CA 94903.

Composed of individual and club members, the NCNA publishes a quarterly journal, issues coin club show lists several times yearly and sponsors an annual multi-event coin show and exposition.

The 1985 NCNA Coin Show will be held September 18-22 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness at Geary in San Francisco. Requests for information and membership applications should be addressed to Treasurer Ed Sins, NCNA, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose, CA 95150.

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council (C-43720)

The San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council's 28th Coinarama will be held June 15-16, 1985, at the Scottish Rite Memorial Center in Mission Valley, San Diego, California. A \$1 registration fee includes a souvenir wood depicting the California condor, a protected species. In addition to a bourse, auction and exhibits, a representative of the San Diego Zoo will speak about condor breeding programs currently in progress.

The wood, which sells for 25¢ plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope, may be ordered from Lloyd Lindemer, 10767 Jarmacha Rd., #28, Spring Valley, CA 92077.



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International Bank Note Society (C-48080)

The International Bank Note Society has appointed Yasha Beresiner as chairman of the Society's 15th Annual European Conference, to be held at the Strand Palace Hotel in London on the weekend of October 5-6 and preceded by an October 4 auction of bank notes, bonds and related items.

"Last year 38 dealers took part and we had an attendance of about 800," reports Beresiner. "This year we want to double or triple those figures. We will be holding a social dinner on Saturday night with some surprise guests and presentations, and with the team I have chosen to back me, I can guarantee it's going to be a great affair."

Bourse applications can be forwarded to Enid Salter, Dealer's Liaison Officer, 69 Elmfield Way, Sanderstead, Surrey CR2 0EH, England. Information can be obtained from Patricia Dew, 1A Camden Walk, Islington Green, London N1 8DY, England, telex 896462/inform G.

Prescott Coin Club (C-71467)

The Prescott Coin Club of Arizona will hold its 11th annual coin show June 21-23 at the Ponderosa Plaza Mall in Prescott. In addition to educational exhibits, more than 80 dealers will offer coins, tokens, paper money, medals, precious metals, baseball cards and other small collectibles.

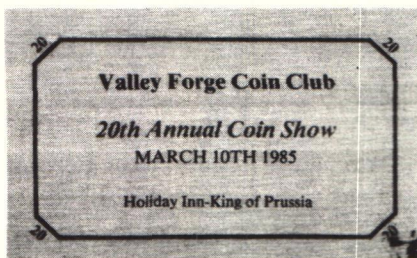
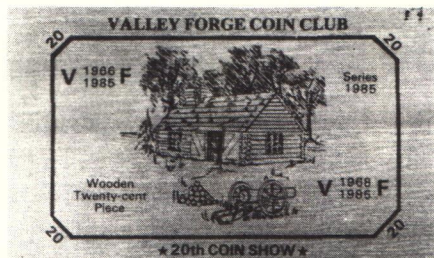


To commemorate the event, a wooden dollar is available for 25¢ plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope from Bourse Chairman Michael Wolf, P.O. Box 233, Dewey, AZ 86327, telephone 602/772-7144.

Great Eastern Numismatic Association (LC-21)

The Great Eastern Numismatic Association Convention in New York City, which featured 93 dealers and more than 70 exhibit cases, was reportedly a success, although public attendance was less than hoped for. Auctions were conducted by Kurt Krueger Auctions and World Art Medals of Philadelphia, who noted that sales went well despite the slow state of the market.

GENA President William Horton opened the annual breakfast meeting on Sunday morning by announcing the 1985-86 slate of officers: president, William Horton; first vice president, Edward Quagliana; second vice president, Lawrence Gentile, Sr.; treasurer, Robert Hawes; recording



In celebration of its 20th Annual Coin Show, the **Valley Forge Coin Club** (C-60370) has issued a wood flat, designed by Richard Weaver and printed with red, blue or green ink. The flat is available for 35¢ or three for \$1, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope, from VFCC, Wooden Flats, P.O. Box 473, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

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secretary, Neusa Zambuto; corresponding secretary, Paul Pfeil; and sergeant-of-arms, James Brandt.

The next order of business was the announcement of exhibit awards, which included first-place winners Joseph Ridder (paper money), Thomas Sebring (foreign coins), Barbara Izzo (miscellaneous), Joaquin Medina (U.S. coins) and Joseph Abiuso (tokens and medals). The GENA Man & Woman of the Year Awards went to Neusa Zambuto and Thomas Lawless, while Joseph Abiuso picked up the President's Award and Sal Zambuto earned the Worker-of-the-Year Award.



Joseph Abiuso (right) accepts the GENA President's Award from William Horton.

Fairfield County Numismatic Association (C-6038)

The Fairfield County Numismatic Association recently issued a 31mm antique bronze medal in honor of its 500th monthly meeting. Based in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the FCNA was founded in 1936 and is one of the nation's oldest local numismatic organizations.

Of special interest is the medal's reverse legend, **VALUE ME AS YOU PLEASE**, which recalls a part of Connecticut's early numismatic history. The legend first appeared in 1737 on the half-penny-size tokens of Dr. Samuel Higley, at a time when the local population of Granby refused to honor the original legend **THE VALUE OF THREE PENCE**. Supposedly, three pence was the cost of one drink at

the local tavern.

Orders for the medal, which sells for \$4, and requests for information should be directed to Allen G. Berman, c/o Village Coin, 1560 Post Rd., Fairfield, CT 06430.

Colonial Coin Club (C-60628)

Officers selected this year for Maryland's Colonial Coin Club are J.M. Boswell, president; R.A. Carrick, vice president; D. Pennington, treasurer; and B.P. Giles, secretary. The club meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Anne Arundel County Public Library, 1410 West Street in Annapolis. Requests for information should be directed to CCC, P.O. Box 884, Annapolis, MD 21404.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club (C-28713)

The Muncie Coin & Stamp Club will hold its 28th Annual Show on Monday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pittinger Student Center, Ball State University. General chairman and club president Brad Pedigo stated that the 1985 show will be reminiscent of the club's events of the 1960s, which supposedly were known as the best one-day shows in the Midwest. "The 1985 show committee is dedicated to re-establishing our reputation of having a first-class show . . . one that makes people glad that they came and one that makes them want to come back next year."

Commemorating the club's 28th anniversary, a special feature of this year's show will be a cancellation provided by the U.S. Postal Service that depicts a chief of the Munsee Indians standing on the bank of the White River in an "appeal to the Great Spirit."

Exhibit competition will be reinstated this year, with categories including U.S. coins, foreign coins, U.S. currency, gold, U.S. stamps and foreign stamps. The Indiana State Numismatic Association also will display its collection of convention medals, some of which are unique, and a single-session auction will be held in the afternoon.

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Young Numismatists

None Qualified

Working Members

Michael Greenspan 4
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Clifford Mishler 4
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Dealer Boosters

Kagin/Kagin 6

Only those members enlisting two or more new applicants are considered in this listing of Top Recruiters. However, the efforts of all recruiters are greatly needed and appreciated.

Applications published in the March issue have been accepted for membership. The following applications, representing membership numbers 127138 through 127452 inclusive, 127521 through 127541 inclusive and LM-3597 through LM-3606 inclusive, were received before March 12, 1985. Unless accompanied by one of the following codes—(A) Associate, (J) Junior, (LM) Life Member, (CLM) Converted to Life Membership—all applications are for Regular Membership. If no objections are filed prior to June 1, 1985, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to that effect will appear in the July 1985 issue. Absence of a state heading indicates that no applications were received from that state.

Association bylaws require publication of each application but not necessarily the applicant's mailing address. However, if the option to omit the street or box number was not exercised on the application form, it has been published herein. Such applicants should realize that numerous mailings will follow from various dealers and other numismatic organizations that scan the monthly publication of applicants.

The Association cannot prevent such use of your address now and in the future. However, the ANA has not and will not release applicants' or members' addresses at any time for any purpose beyond this initial publication.

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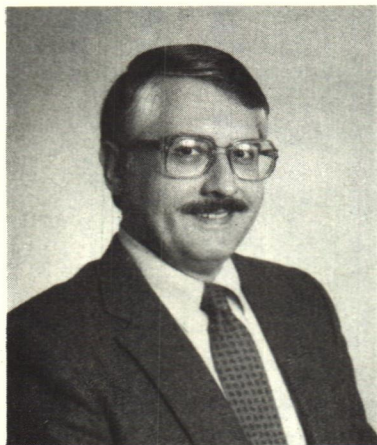
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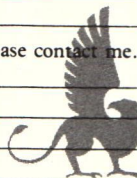
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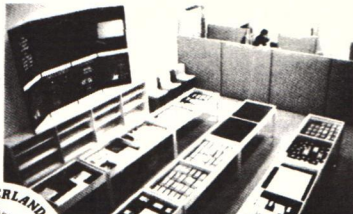
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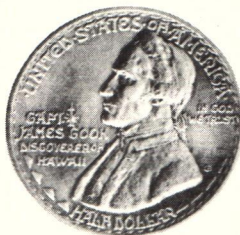
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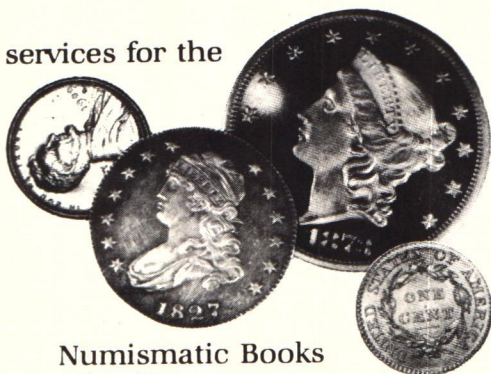
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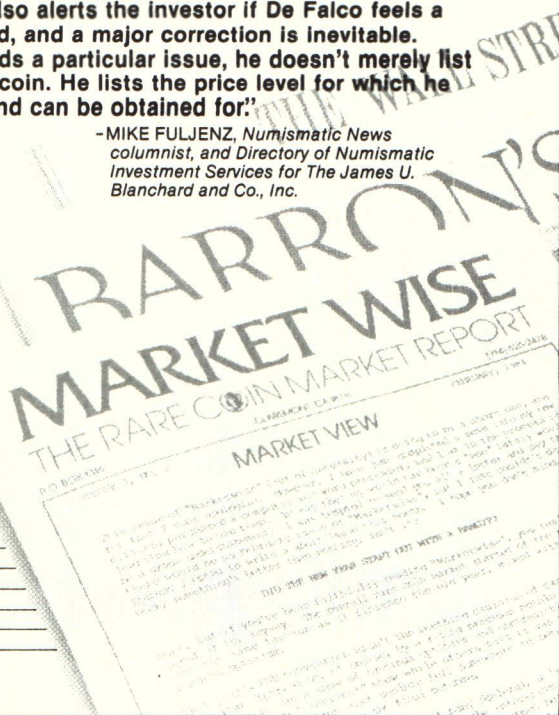
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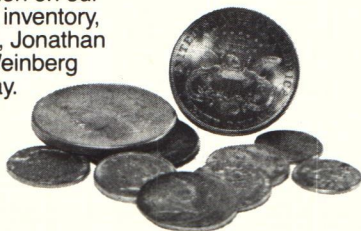
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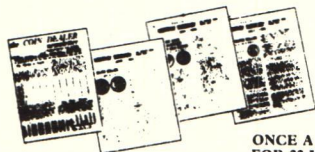
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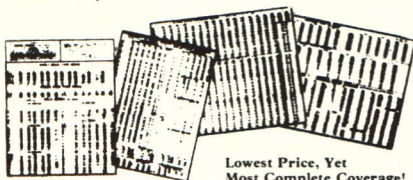
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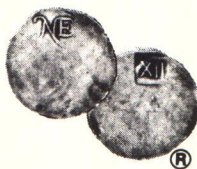
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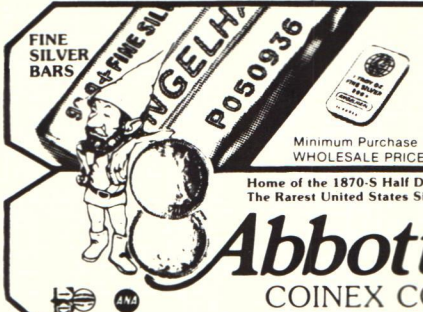
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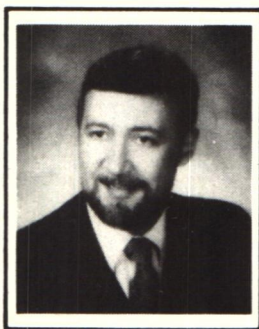
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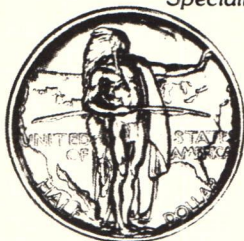
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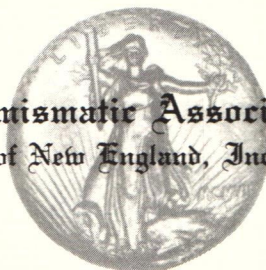
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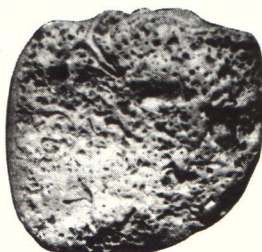
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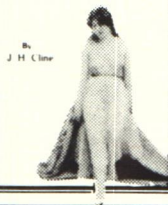
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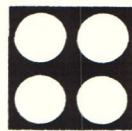
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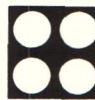
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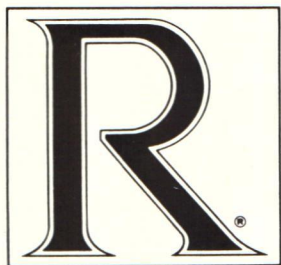
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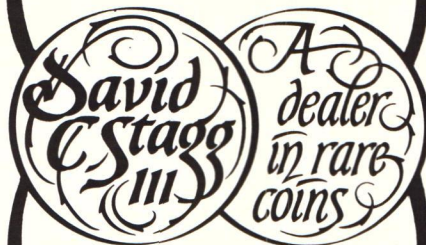
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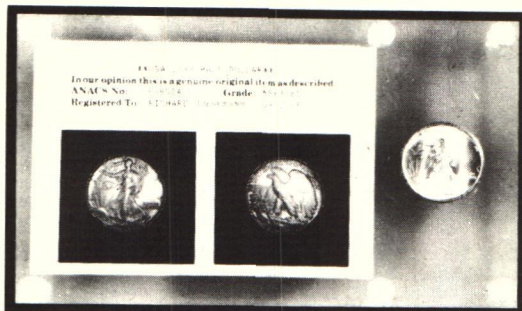


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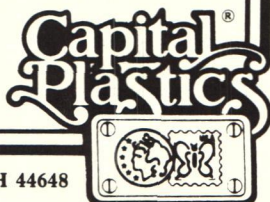


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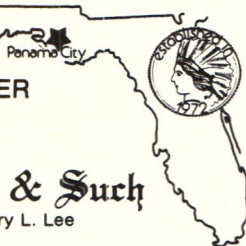
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Lafayette Dollar	975	1,800	Wanted	1926 S Oregon	145	175	295
				1928 Oregon	325	395	595
Alabama	295	550	Wanted	1933-D Oregon	395	575	Write
Alabama 2x2	295	625	Wanted	1934-D Oregon	275	375	650
Albany	295	350	475	1936 Oregon	250	350	Write
Antietam	395	495	675	1937 S Oregon	275	375	Write
1935-PDS Ark. Set	335	450	Write	1938-PDS Oregon Set	225	265	Write
1936-PDS Ark. Set	335	450	Write	1939-PDS Oregon Set	—	1,350	Wanted
1937-PDS Ark. Set	375	475	Write				
1938-PDS Ark. Set	595	795	Wanted	Panama Pacific	750	1,650	Wanted
1939-PDS Ark. Set	1,050	1,350	Wanted	1920 Pilgrim	95	125	350
Arkansas Type	100	150	250	1921 Pilgrim	225	375	Wanted
Bay Bridge	125	195	395	Rhode Island-PDS Set	425	575	Write
1934 Boone	165	225	Wanted	Rhode Island Type	135	195	Write
1935/34-PDS Boone Set	—	1,600	Write	Roanoke	275	375	550
1935-PDS Boone Set	375	550	850	Robinson	135	225	425
1936-PDS Boone Set	375	595	875	1935-S San Diego	135	225	Write
1937-PDS Boone Set	775	1,050	1,450	1936-D San Diego	165	275	Write
1938-PDS Boone Set	—	1,600	Wanted	Sesquicentennial	75	350	Wanted
Boone Type	135	185	295	Spanish Trail	950	1,150	1,650
Bridgeport	195	295	550	Stone Mountain	65	100	175
California D.J.	225	350	575	1934 Texas Set	185	275	Wanted
Cincinnati-PDS Set	—	1,350	Wanted	1935-PDS Texas Set	525	725	950
Cincinnati Type	325	450	Write	1936-PDS Texas Set	550	850	975
Cleveland	100	145	Write	1937-PDS Texas Set	625	850	1,075
Columbia-PDS Set	795	1,050	1,350	1938-PDS Texas Set	—	1,050	1,400
Columbia Type	275	375	450	Texas Type	—	275	395
1892 Columbian	60	175	Wanted	Vancouver	450	650	Write
1893 Columbian	60	165	Wanted	Vermont	295	550	Write
Connecticut	295	425	Wanted				
				1946-PDS BTW Set	65	85	Write
Delaware	275	450	695	1947-PDS BTW Set	85	95	Write
Elgin	275	425	Write	+1948-PDS BTW Set	135	175	Write
Gettysburg	325	450	Write	+1949-PDS BTW Set	225	295	Write
Grant	110	225	550	+1950-PDS BTW Set	175	250	Write
Grant With Star	1,100	Write	Write	+1951-PDS BTW Set	115	165	Write
Hawaiian	895	1,600	Write	+1948/51-PDS BTW Sets	565	775	Write
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Long Island	95	135	Write	1953-PDS W/C Set	175	250	Write
Lynchburg	275	350	550	1954-PDS W/C Set	125	175	Write
Maine	135	285	Write	W/C Type	20	30	Write
Maryland	275	395	Write				
Missouri	525	895	Wanted	1982 George Washington in case. GEM PROOF \$13.00			
Missouri 2*4	395	975	Wanted				
Monroe	75	165	Wanted	Wisconsin	275	395	Write
New Rochelle	450	550	Wanted	York	265	335	475
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